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# **ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

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# PROXY STATEMENT

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC.



ESCO Technologies Inc. 9900A Clayton Road St. Louis, MO 63124

Bryan Sayler Chief Executive Officer and President



December 16, 2024

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

I am pleased to invite you to attend our 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of ESCO Technologies Inc., to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at the Innisbrook Resort, 36750 U.S. Highway North, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement describe the items of business that will be discussed and voted on at the Meeting. We value your input and encourage you to review this material as well as our Annual Report for fiscal 2024 and to vote your shares of common stock. You have a choice of voting online, by telephone, by returning the enclosed proxy card by mail, or at the Meeting.

Our technology-oriented businesses provide highly engineered solutions serving industrial markets. We have a highly-skilled workforce and a long history of product innovation focused on building the next generation of solutions for our customers.

In 2024 we delivered record revenue, earnings, orders and ending backlog. Revenue exceeded \$1 billion for the first time, GAAP EPS increased 10 percent, and ending backlog increased 14% during the year as we continue to see strong demand across our aerospace, defense, utility and renewables end markets. Our differentiated solutions in markets with long-term secular growth drivers have us well positioned going forward. We are excited for the future as we look to build on recent momentum by continuing to execute on our growth strategy in order to deliver long-term value for our shareholders.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of us at ESCO, thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Bryan Sayler Chief Executive Officer and President

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### St. Louis, Missouri

December 16, 2024

To the Shareholders of ESCO Technologies Inc.:

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the shareholders of ESCO Technologies Inc. will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at the Innisbrook Resort, 36750 U.S. Highway North, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect David A. Campbell and Penelope M. Conner, and to re-elect Gloria L. Valdez, to the Board of Directors of the Company for three-year terms expiring at the 2028 Annual Meeting;
- 2. An advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's executive officers; and
- 3. To ratify the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2025 fiscal year.

#### Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote:

- FOR each nominee for director, and
- FOR Proposals 2 and 3.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on November 27, 2024 are entitled to vote at the Meeting.

Information about each of the above Proposals, as well as instructions for voting and additional relevant information concerning the Company, are set forth in the accompanying Proxy Statement and in the "Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials" sent to all shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting beginning on or about December 16, 2024.

By Order Of The Board Of Directors,

David M. Schatz Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

This Notice, the Proxy Statement attached to this Notice and our Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 are available electronically at <u>www.envisionreports.com/ESE</u> and on our website at <u>www.escotechnologies.com</u>.

Even if you plan to attend the Meeting in person, PLEASE VOTE:

- Electronically via the Internet at <u>www.investorvote.com/ESE;</u> or
- By telephone within the United States, U.S. territories or Canada at 1 800 652 VOTE (8683); or
- If you requested paper or e-mail copies of the proxy materials, please complete, sign, date and return the proxy card.

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# Proxy Statement Summary

This Proxy Statement relates to the 2025 Annual Meeting of the shareholders of ESCO Technologies Inc., sometimes referred to herein as the Company, we, our or us. Our stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), where our ticker symbol is "ESE".

This Proxy Statement is provided pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in connection with our Management's solicitation of votes for the Meeting.

This Summary highlights certain information relating to the Meeting and the items to be voted on at the Meeting. For additional information, including important business, compensation and corporate governance matters, please refer to the following sections of this Proxy Statement and to our 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Unless otherwise noted, all references to 2024 in this Proxy Statement refer to our fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

# **MEETING INFORMATION**

Date and Time	Location	Record Date Vot	ting	
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time	Innisbrook Resort, 36750 U.S. Highway North, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684	November 27, 2024 vote eac	Shareholders of record as of the record date are entitled to vote. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each of the director nominees and one vote on all other matters to be considered at the Meeting.	
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Via the Internet	By Telephone	By Mail	At the Meeting	
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Go to www.investorvote.com/ESE	<b>1-800-652-VOTE (8563)</b> in the U.S. or Canada	Follow the instructions on your	proxy card Attend in person and vote by ballot	

# **PROPOSALS AND BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

Proposal	See Page	Required Vote (See "Voting" on page 6)	Board's Voting Recommendation
1. Election of Directors	<u>8</u>	To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast	FOR each director nominee
2. Say on Pay – Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation	<u>23</u>	To be approved, this proposal must receive a majority of the votes cast	FOR
3. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	<u>48</u>	To be approved, this proposal must receive a majority of the votes cast	FOR

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Management is not aware of any other matters that will be presented at the Meeting. However, if any other proposal is properly presented for a vote at the Meeting, other than the election of directors and the other proposals described in this Proxy Statement, the proxy holders will vote on it in their own discretion.

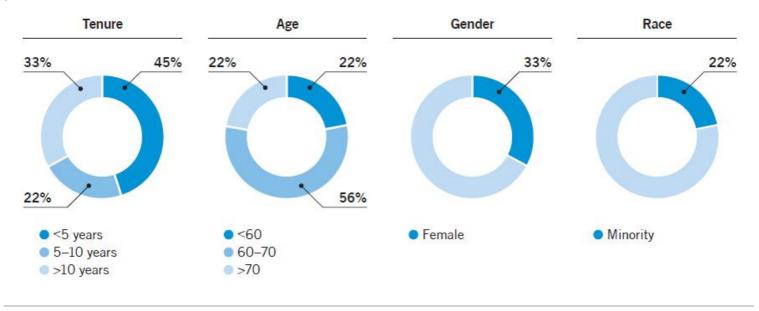
# NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

The following table provides summary information about our director nominees, each of whom is a current director of the Company:

Nominee	Primary Occupation	Independent	Board Committees	Key Attributes/Qualifications
David A. Campbell	President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Evergy, Inc., a public utility holding company based in Kansas City	Yes	Audit	Extensive strategic, operational and executive experience in the energy field
Penelope M. Conner	Executive Vice President, Customer Experience and Energy Strategy of Eversource Energy, a public utility holding company based in New England serving Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire	Yes	Governance	Nearly four decades of operational, financial and leadership experience in the electric and gas utility sector, with demonstrated performance in high-quality customer service, strategy development and capital allocation
Gloria L. Valdez	Retired Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) for Research, Development and Acquisition	Yes	Compensation, Governance	Over three decades of strategic and operational experience in the defense markets as well as management and financial expertise

# DIRECTOR DIVERSITY AND TENURE

Diversity is one of the factors that our Governance Committee considers in identifying the pool of director search candidates. The Board appreciates the benefits diversity brings and strives to assemble a Board with not only a variety of business and professional backgrounds, but also diversity in areas such as race, ethnicity and gender.



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We are:

- A global provider of highly engineered filtration and fluid control products and integrated propulsion systems for the aviation, navy, space and process markets worldwide, as well as composite-based products and solutions for navy, defense and industrial customers;
- An industry leader in radio frequency shielding and electromagnetic compatibility test products; and
- A leading provider of diagnostic instruments, software and services for the benefit of industrial power users and the electric utility and renewable energy industries.

We conduct our business through a number of wholly-owned direct and indirect subsidiaries. Our business is focused on generating predictable and profitable long-term growth through continued innovation and expansion of our product offerings across each of our business segments.

In 2024, strong demand across our core end-markets drove record orders and sales. We leveraged that growth to deliver improved profit margins and diluted EPS that increased 10 percent to \$3.94 per share. With a solid balance sheet and substantial liquidity, we remain well positioned to fund both future investments to drive organic growth and acquisitions to add to our technology-driven portfolio of products and services.

The following are only selected measures of Company performance. For complete financial information, please see the audited financial statements included in our 2024 Annual Report to Shareholders.

Net Sales	Net Earnings	Diluted Earnings Per Share
\$1,027M	\$101.9M	\$3.94
Record Sales / +7% over prior year	+10% over prior year	+10% over prior year
Entered Orders	Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	Leverage Ratio
\$1,133M	\$128M	0.45X
Record Orders & Ending Backlog Orders +10% / Backlog +14% over prior year	+66% over prior year	\$623M of liquidity at year end

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# **GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- All directors other than the CEO are independent
- All committee chairs are independent
- Each director attended at least 75% of Board and committee meetings
- Independent directors hold executive sessions during each Board meeting
- Board conducts self-assessments annually
- The full Board exercises oversight responsibility for material risks, and delegates oversight of other risks to the appropriate committees
- Four of our nine directors are diverse in gender and/ or ethnicity

# **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Robust clawback policy for executive compensation plans
- Competitive share ownership guidelines for directors and executive officers
- Executive compensation driven by pay for performance
- Annual shareholder vote on executive compensation
- Executive officers and directors may not hedge or pledge company shares
- Independent directors review CEO performance annually
- Average tenure of independent directors is 6 years
- Median age of independent directors is 64 years

Our compensation objective is to develop and maintain an industry-competitive compensation program that attracts, retains, motivates and rewards our executive officers and other senior officers and key executives. The compensation program is designed to emphasize performance-based compensation in alignment with our business strategy.

Our compensation programs are designed to maximize shareholder value by allocating a significant portion of executive compensation to performance-based pay that is dependent on the achievement of our performance goals. Our annual cash incentive program and equity-based Performance Share Unit awards (PSUs) utilize a variety of key strategic and financial performance metrics and are designed to reward positive financial performance and limit unnecessary risk taking. Stock ownership guidelines align the interests of executives and shareholders by ensuring that executives bear the economic risk of share ownership.

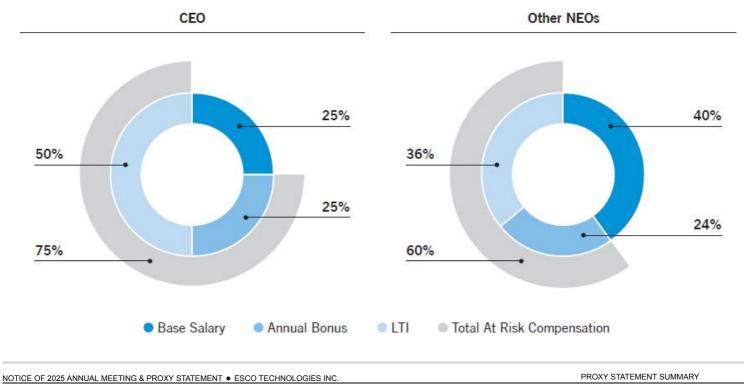
For 2024, our Human Resources and Compensation Committee used the performance metrics "Adjusted EPS" and "Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities," to determine cash incentive plan compensation earned during fiscal 2024 and thereby incent the participants and align cash incentive compensation with business objectives. Adjusted EPS and Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities are non-GAAP measures, and the metrics used in the calculation of the 2024 adjustment differed somewhat from those used to calculate the 2023 adjustment; for a detailed description and a reconciliation to the nearest GAAP measure, see **2024 Cash** *Incentive Metrics* in the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* section.

Our long-term equity incentive (LTI) program includes Restricted Share Units (RSUs) which fully vest over a period of 3 to 3½ years and, since fiscal 2022, PSUs with a 3-year performance period, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section below.

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The following charts summarize the 2024 pay mix for the CEO and the other named executive officers, with 75% of the CEO's target direct compensation at risk and 60% of the average of the other named executive officers' target direct compensation at risk. Target direct compensation is defined as the sum of the executive officer's base salary, annual cash incentive award, and annual long term incentive awards, in each case calculated at the target level approved by the Committee.



Whether or not you expect to be present in person at the Meeting, please vote in advance using one of the voting methods described in the *Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials* sent to the shareholders on or about December 16, 2024, which contained instructions on how to access the proxy materials and vote electronically via the Internet, by telephone, by mail, or in person. That Notice also contained instructions on how to request a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, including the Company's 2024 Annual Report to Shareholders, this Proxy Statement, and a proxy card. The 2024 Annual Report to Shareholders and this Proxy Statement are also available for review on the Company's website, <u>www.escotechnologies.com</u>.

- You may vote on each proposal, by proxy or by voting in person or via the Internet or by telephone, in which case your shares will be voted in accordance with your choices.
- You may abstain from voting on any one or more proposals, or withhold authority to vote for any one or more directors, which will have the effect described under Required Vote below.
- You may return a properly executed proxy form without indicating your preferences, in which case the proxies will vote the shares according to the Board's recommendations.

You will have the right to revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company, or by duly executing and delivering a proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Meeting and casting a contrary vote in person.

# HOW TO VOTE



# **REQUIRED VOTE**

At the Meeting, shareholders will be entitled to cast one vote for each share held by them of record on the record date. There is no cumulative voting with respect to the election of directors. The Company has no non-voting shares.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote on the matter in question will be required to elect directors, to approve each of the individual proposals described in this Proxy Statement, and to approve any other matters properly brought before the Meeting.

The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that an incumbent director who fails to obtain a majority vote must promptly offer his or her resignation to the Chair, and the remaining directors shall meet to consider whether it is in the best interests of the Company to accept the resignation or to permit the incumbent to remain on the Board for such period of time as the Board may determine or until a successor is elected and qualified.

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Shares represented by proxies which are marked "Withhold" authority to vote for the election of one or more of the nominees for election as directors or marked "Abstain" on any one or more of the other individual proposals described in this Proxy Statement will be counted for the purpose of determining the number of shares represented by proxy at the Meeting, but proxies so marked will have the same effect as if the shares were voted against such nominee or nominees or such proposals.

Under the Rules of the NYSE, the proposal to approve the appointment of independent registered public accountants is considered a "discretionary" item, which means that brokerage firms may vote in their discretion on this matter on behalf of clients who have not furnished voting instructions at least 10 days before the date of the Meeting. In contrast, the election of directors and the other items on the Meeting agenda are "non-discretionary" items, which means that brokerage firms that have not received voting instructions from their clients on these proposals may not vote on them. These so-called "broker non-votes" will, if the underlying shares are otherwise represented at the Meeting, be considered to be present for purposes of determining a quorum, but will be treated as not entitled to vote on such non-discretionary or matters; they will therefore not be considered in determining the number of votes necessary for approval and will have no effect on the outcome of the votes for directors or the other matters to be considered at the Meeting.

If your shares are held by a broker, it is important that you provide voting instructions to your broker so that your votes will be counted.

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# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all nominees.

The Board is divided into three classes, with the terms of office of each class ending in successive years. The terms of Class II directors Penelope M. Conner, Leon J. Olivier and Gloria L. Valdez will expire at the Meeting. However, because Mr. Olivier has reached the age of 75 he is ineligible to stand for re-election under the Board's director retirement policy and will retire from the Board effective with the election of directors at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Accordingly, with the consent of director David A. Campbell, whose current term would not have expired until 2027, the Board has reclassified Mr. Campbell from Class I into Class II and has nominated Mr. Campbell, Ms. Conner and Ms. Valdez for election to new three-year terms expiring at the 2028 Annual Meeting. The Board also decided to reduce the number of directors from nine to eight upon the expiration of Mr. Olivier's term. As a result, after the 2025 Annual Meeting the Board will have three directors with terms expiring in 2028, two directors with terms expiring in 2027.

If elected, the nominees would serve until the expiration of their terms and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Proxies cannot be voted for more than the number of Board nominees. Should any one or more of the nominees become unable or unwilling to serve (which is not expected), the proxies unless marked to the contrary will be voted for such other person or persons as the Board may recommend.

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PROPOSAL 1

# NOMINEES FOR TERMS ENDING IN 2028



- Age 56
- Director since 2024
- Board Committees: Audit
- Qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under SEC rules



- Age 61
- Director since 2024
- Board Committees: Governance

#### David A. Campbell

Mr. Campbell's extensive strategic, operational and executive experience in the energy field makes him well-qualified to provide high-level strategic, financial and operational guidance to the Company.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2021-Present: President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (since May 2024) of Evergy, Inc. (public utility holding company)

2019–2021: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Vistra Corp. (integrated retail electricity and power generation company)

2014-2019: Chief Executive Officer, InfraREIT, Inc.

2013–2014: President and Chief Operating Officer, Bluescape Resources Company, LLC

2004–2013: Various executive positions with Vistra Corp. and predecessors (TXU Inc. to 2006, Energy Future Holdings Corp. 2006–2013)

1995–2004: Positions of increasing responsibility, including Partner, Corporate Finance and Strategy, with McKinsey and Company, Inc.

#### **Other Public Company Directorships Within Past Five Years**

2021-Present: Evergy, Inc. (public utility holding company)

#### Other Experience and Education

J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School; M.Phil. International Relations, Oxford University; B.A. summa cum laude with Distinction in History from Yale University. Currently serves or has served on a number of boards including the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the Leadership Council of the Yale School of the Environment

#### Penelope M. Conner

Ms. Conner's nearly four decades of operational, financial and leadership experience in the electric and gas utility sector, with demonstrated performance in high-quality customer service, strategy development and capital allocation, allow her to provide high-level, multi-faceted insight and assistance to the Board.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2021-Present: Executive Vice President, Customer Experience and Energy Strategy at Eversource Energy (public utility holding company)

2002-2021: Various other executive positions with Eversource Energy

1986–2002: Positions of increasing responsibility from 1986 to 1998 at Duke Energy Corporation, culminating as General Manager for Process Integration, and then from 1998 to 2002 at Tampa Electric Company as its Director of Customer Service

#### **Other Experience and Education**

B.S. summa cum laude in Industrial Engineering from North Carolina State University. Registered professional engineer in North and South Carolina; Member of Boston University's Institute for Global Sustainability and the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

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- Age 62
- Director since 2019
- Board Committees: Compensation, Governance

#### Gloria L. Valdez

Ms. Valdez's extensive strategic and operational experience in the defense markets as well as her management and financial expertise allow her to provide the Board with valuable assistance and high-level strategic insight.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2021–2024: Member of the Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel providing advice to the Commonwealth of Australia on its National Naval Shipbuilding Enterprise

2015–2018: Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) for Research, Development and Acquisition (executive oversight of all naval shipbuilding programs, major ship conversions, and maintenance, modernization and disposal of in-service ships)

1986–2015: Served in a number of other civilian positions within the Navy Department including as Executive Director for the Program Executive Office for submarines (responsible for civilian management, design, acquisition and construction for submarine platform and undersea systems), Director of the Investment and Development division within the Office of the ASN for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Director for Naval and Commercial Construction in the Office of the ASN for Ship Programs; also served as Budget Director for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement within the Department of Homeland Security

#### **Other Experience and Education**

M.S. in management from Florida Institute of Technology; B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Mexico; sponsor of the Virginia Class submarine USS Vermont (SSN 792) commissioned in 2020

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- Age 63
- Director since 2017
- Term expires 2026
- Board Committees: Audit (Chair), Compensation
- Qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under SEC rules



- Age 64
- Director since 2022
- Term expires 2027
- Board Committees: Audit, Governance
- Qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under SEC rules

#### Patrick M. Dewar

Mr. Dewar's extensive strategic, financial and operational experience in the aerospace and defense markets makes him wellqualified to assist in guiding Company strategy at the highest levels.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2016-Present: Chief Executive of The Trenton Group, LLC (investment and strategy consulting firm focused on security, aerospace and defense technology companies)

2013–2016: Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin International and Chairman of Lockheed Martin Global, Inc.

2010–2013: Senior Vice President, Strategy and Business Development for Lockheed Martin Corporation

Prior to 2010: Held various positions with Lockheed Martin and GE Aerospace

#### Other Public Company Directorships Within Past Five Years

2018–Present: Butler America Aerospace, LLC, a subsidiary of HCL Technologies Ltd. (provider of engineering, design IT and support services primarily to US aerospace and defense markets)

#### Other Experience and Education

M.S. in Electrical Engineering, Drexel University; B.S. in Engineering, Swarthmore College. Member of the Council on Foreign Relations; senior adviser to numerous investment firms on aerospace and defense matters

#### Janice L. Hess

Ms. Hess's four decades of experience includes operational, financial, business transformations and organizational effectiveness, as well as demonstrated performance in growing traditional, adjacent and emerging markets similar to those served by the Company, making her well-qualified to assist the Board in guiding Company strategy at the highest levels.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2014–2022: President, Engineered Systems Segment of Teledyne Technologies Incorporated (diversified multinational company providing enabling technologies for industrial growth markets requiring advanced technology and high reliability; the Engineered Systems Segment provides innovative systems engineering and integration and advanced technology development, and is a U.S. Government contractor serving defense, space, energy and maritime markets)

2000–2014: Held a number of other positions with Teledyne, including Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Engineered Systems

1984–2000: Held positions of increasing responsibility with Intergraph Corporation (now Hexagon AB, a multinational corporation), including Vice President, Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Computer Systems

#### Other Experience and Education

B.S.B.A. from Auburn University; staff accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from 1981 to 1983

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- Age 71
- Director since 2014
- Term expires 2026
- Board Committees: Audit, Compensation (Chair)
- Qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under SEC rules

#### Vinod M. Khilnani

As a former public company executive, Mr. Khilnani brings to the Board of Directors a wealth of management experience and business knowledge regarding operational, financial and corporate governance issues, as well as extensive international experience with global operations.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2013: Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of CTS Corporation (designer, manufacturer and seller of electronic components and sensors)

2009–2013: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CTS

2007–2009: President and Chief Executive Officer of CTS

2001–2007: Senior VP and CFO of CTS

#### Other Public Company Directorships Within Past Five Years

2009–Present: Materion Corporation (manufacturer of highly engineered advanced materials, performance alloys and composites, and precision coatings for global markets)

2013–2023: 1st Source Corporation (bank holding company)

2014–2021: Gibraltar Industries (manufacturer and distributor of products for the building markets)

#### Other Experience and Education

M.B.A. from the University of New York at Albany; B.A. in Business Administration from Delhi University

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- Age 64
- Director since 2014
- Term expires 2026
- Chair of the Board
- Board Committees: Executive (Chair), Compensation, Governance

#### Robert J. Phillippy

Along with his experience as chief executive officer of a publicly held technology company, Mr. Phillippy brings to the Board of Directors extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions as well as in new product innovation and international business development; and as independent Chair of the Board he provides valuable insights and perspectives regarding all areas of the Company's business.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2016-Present: Executive consultant to technology companies on a range of strategic, operational and organizational issues

2007–2016: President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Newport Corporation (developer, manufacturer and supplier of lasers, optics and photonics technologies, products and systems for scientific research, microelectronics, defense and security, life and health sciences and industrial markets worldwide)

2004–2007: President and Chief Operating Officer of Newport Corporation

1996–2004: Held various executive management positions with Newport Corporation

1984–1996: Held various sales and marketing management positions at Square D Company (now Schneider Electric) (electrical equipment manufacturer)

#### Other Public Company Directorships Within Past Five Years

2018–Present: Materion Corporation (manufacturer of highly engineered advanced materials, performance alloys and composites, and precision coatings for global markets)

2018–Present: Kimball Electronics Inc. (manufacturing solutions provider of durable electronics and other products for a variety of industries globally)

#### Other Experience and Education

M.B.A. from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management; B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin

#### Bryan H. Sayler

Mr. Sayler's nearly 30 years of experience at the Company across several of its core businesses, including his current position as Chief Executive Officer and President, is reflected in his proven track record of aligning strategy and business objectives as well as strong financial results and M&A outcomes, making him uniquely qualified to provide the Board of Directors with valuable insights and perspectives concerning all areas of the Company's business.

#### **Principal Occupation and Business Experience**

2023-Present: Chief Executive Officer, President and a director of the Company

1995–2022: Held various positions of increasing responsibility within the Company, including as President of the Utility Solutions Group and Doble Engineering from 2016–2022

#### **Other Experience and Education**

B.A. in Pre-Seminary from Southeastern College; M.B.A. from Baylor University

- Age 58
- Director since 2023
- Term expires 2027
- Board Committees: Executive

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# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### Responsibilities

The Company's Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the conduct of the business of the Company in accordance with ethical and honorable business practices and applicable laws, to justify the confidence that the shareholders have placed in the Company by their investment in its shares. Among the Board's core responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the Company's business in order to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed
- Review and, where appropriate, approve the Company's major strategic and financial plans and goals, and evaluate results compared to those plans and goals
- Oversee the Company's global risk management framework
- Review and approve significant indebtedness, significant capital allocations including dividends and stock repurchase plans, and significant transactions not arising in the ordinary course of business
- Review management's determinations of principal considerations related to the auditing and accounting principles and practices used in the preparation of the Company's financial statements; review and approve the Company's financial controls and reporting systems; and review and approve the Company's financial statements and financial reporting
- Select individuals for election to the Board and evaluate the performance of the Board and Board committees
- Select, evaluate and compensate the CEO and monitor the same decisions with respect to other executive officers; approve and evaluate compensation plans for senior management in conjunction with the Compensation Committee
- Oversee the conduct of the Company's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) program including annually reviewing the Governance Committee's ESG program assessment

#### **Composition and Recent Changes**

In February 2024, director James M. Stolze retired from the Board, and in August 2024, the Board elected new directors David A. Campbell and Penelope M. Conner. Because of their positions as executives of energy companies, Mr. Campbell's and Ms. Conner's elections were subject to clearance by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which was obtained in September 2024 and October 2024, respectively.

The Board is currently comprised of nine directors divided into three classes, with the terms of office of each class ending in successive years. In anticipation of director Leon J. Olivier's retirement at the 2025 Annual Meeting, the Board decided to move Mr. Campbell (with his consent) into Mr. Olivier's class and to decrease the size of the Board from nine to eight members effective with the expiration of Mr. Olivier's term.

#### Independence

Mr. Sayler is the only Board member who is a member of the Company's management. The Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that none of the eight nonmanagement directors has any material relationship with the Company other than in his or her capacity as a director and shareholder, and that therefore all of those directors are, and at all times during their service in fiscal 2024 were, independent as defined under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and the listing standards of the NYSE.

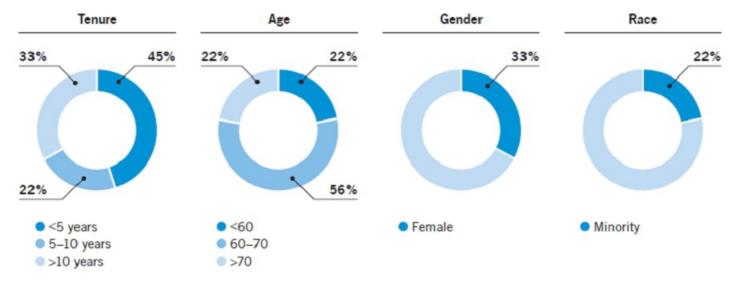
#### Meetings

The Board of Directors held five meetings during fiscal 2024. All of the directors attended, either in person or by video conference call, at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and of each of the committees on which they served which were held during their periods of service. The Company's policy requires that all directors attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, except for absences due to causes beyond the reasonable control of the director. All of the directors serving at the time of the 2024 Annual Meeting attended the meeting.

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# **DIVERSITY AND TENURE**

Diversity is one of the factors that the Governance Committee considers in identifying the pool of director search candidates. The Board appreciates the benefits diversity brings and strives to assemble a Board with not only a variety of business and professional backgrounds, but also diversity in areas such as race, ethnicity and gender.



### COMMITTEES

The members of the Board of Directors are appointed to various committees. The standing committees of the Board are the Executive Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee (Audit Committee), the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (Governance Committee), and the Human Resources and Compensation Committee (Compensation Committee).

Each Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. The charters are posted on the Company's website, <u>www.escotechnologies.com</u>, under the **Investor Center/Committees & Charters** tab, and a copy of each Committee's charter is available in print to any shareholder who requests it.

#### **Executive Committee**

CURRENT MEMBERS	<ul> <li>May exercise the powers of the Board between Board meetings, subject to limitations specified in the committee charter</li> </ul>
Phillippy	May not:
<ul> <li>Sayler</li> </ul>	Declare dividends
No meetings in fiscal 2024	Amend the Bylaws
	<ul> <li>Approve, propose or recommend for approval any action requiring approval by the shareholders</li> </ul>
	Elect directors or fill vacancies on the Board
	Change the membership or composition of committees

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the integrity of the Company's financial statements; the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the qualifications, independence and performance of the Company's independent public accounting firm (the Accounting Firm); and the performance of the Company's internal audit function.

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CURRENT MEMBERS	<ul> <li>Appoints, retains and oversees the Accounting Firm and its performance of the annual audit</li> </ul>
Dewar (Chair)	<ul> <li>Annually evaluates the qualifications, independence and performance of the Accounting Firm</li> </ul>
Campbell	• Reviews the scope of the Accounting Firm's work and approves its annual audit fees and any non-audit service fees
• Hess • Khilnani	• Reviews the Company's internal controls with the Accounting Firm and the internal audit executive, and reviews with the Accounting Firm any problems it may have encountered during the annual audit
Four meetings in fiscal 2024	<ul> <li>Discusses the Company's Form 10-K and 10-Q reports with management and the Accounting Firm before filing; reviews and discusses earnings press releases</li> </ul>
	Discusses major financial risk exposures with management
	• Reviews management's assessment and oversight of information security, cybersecurity and IT risks, breaches (if any), and any preventive or remedial actions taken on a quarterly basis
	<ul> <li>Reviews the annual internal audit plan and associated resource allocation</li> </ul>
	• Evaluates the performance of the Company's internal audit executive and the results of the annual internal audit
	<ul> <li>Reviews the Company's reports to shareholders with management and the Accounting Firm and receives certain assurances from management</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Issues the Committee Report required to be included in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the regulations of the SEC (see Audit and Finance Committee Report on page 49)</li> </ul>

The Board of Directors has determined that all members of the Committee are financially literate and have accounting or related financial management expertise, as those terms are defined under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and the applicable listing standards of the NYSE, and are also "audit committee financial experts" within the meaning of Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of SEC Regulation S-K.

#### **Governance Committee**

The Governance Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its Corporate Governance responsibilities.

CURRENT MEMBERS	• Identifies individuals qualified to become Board members and recommends them for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting of
<ul> <li>Olivier (Chair)</li> </ul>	shareholders or for appointment to fill vacancies occurring between Annual Meetings (see Director Candidates and Nominations below)
• Conner	<ul> <li>Reviews the size of the Board and recommends any appropriate changes to the Board</li> </ul>
• Hess	<ul> <li>Reviews the composition of Board committees and recommends any appropriate changes to the Board</li> </ul>
• Phillippy	<ul> <li>Develops and recommends to the Board effective corporate governance guidelines</li> </ul>
• Valdez	Reviews the Company's corporate governance and compliance programs
Four meetings in fiscal 2024	Assists the Board in its oversight of the Company's ESG program and annually provides an assessment of the program for the Board
	Oversees the Company's ethics programs
	<ul> <li>Reviews any conflicts of interest involving Related Persons, and oversees and administers the Company's policy on Related Person transactions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Leads the Board in its annual review of the Board's performance</li> </ul>

#### **Director Candidates and Nominations**

To be considered for nomination to the Board, candidates must be persons of the highest integrity, have extensive and varied business experience and have demonstrated their ability to interact effectively with associates and peers. They preferably will also have experience and expertise in business areas related to the Company and its technologies, industries and customers. In addition, the Committee will seek out candidates with the ability to interact constructively with the existing Board membership, in order to enable the Board to act in the long-term interests of the Company's shareholders. While the Committee has not established specific minimum qualifications for candidates, it may establish specific membership criteria as appropriate from time to time if the Board determines there is a need for specific skills and industry experience.

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Although the Committee does not have a formal policy on diversity, it seeks the most qualified candidates without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, disability or sexual orientation. However, the Committee appreciates the benefits that diversity, including gender diversity, brings to a board of directors, and both the Committee and the full Board are committed to requiring the inclusion of women and underrepresented minorities in the initial pool of director search candidates.

The Committee may identify new candidates for nomination based on recommendations from Company management, employees, non-management directors, shareholders and other third parties. It also has the authority to engage third party search firms to identify candidates, and it has done so from time to time. Consideration of a new candidate typically involves the Committee's review of information pertaining to such candidate and a series of internal discussions, and may proceed to interviews with the candidate. New candidates are evaluated based on the above-described criteria in light of the specific needs of the Board and the Company at the time. Incumbent directors whose terms are set to expire are evaluated based on the above-described criteria, as well as a review of their overall past performance on the Board of Directors.

The Committee will consider director candidates recommended by shareholders, and will evaluate such individuals in the same manner as other candidates proposed to the Committee. All candidates must meet the legal, regulatory and exchange requirements applicable to members of the Board of Directors. Shareholders who wish to recommend individuals for consideration as director candidates for the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders should notify the Committee no later than August 31, 2025 in order to allow time for their recommendations to be considered by the Committee. Submissions are to be addressed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o David M. Schatz, Corporate Secretary, ESCO Technologies Inc., 9900A Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124-1186, which submissions will then be forwarded to the Committee. The Committee is not obligated to nominate any such individual for election.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee's basic responsibility is to assure that the Company's directors, key executives and other senior officers are compensated in a manner consistent with and in furtherance of Company strategy, competitive practices, and the requirements of the appropriate regulatory bodies.

• Khilnani (Chair)	<ul> <li>Reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer; evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of these goals and objectives, and determines the Chief Executive Officer's compensation based upon the evaluation in conjunction with the full Board</li> </ul>
• Dewar	<ul> <li>Approves and evaluates the compensation plans for senior management</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Phillippy</li><li>Valdez</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Reviews, approves and evaluates incentive compensation plans, equity-based plans and other compensation plans, to ensure that they provide compensation and incentives consistent with the strategy of the Company and competitive practice</li> </ul>
Four meetings in fiscal 2024	<ul> <li>Reviews and approves the compensation of the Company's non-management directors in conjunction with the full Board</li> </ul>
	• Reviews, approves and evaluates material benefit programs, including new programs and material changes to existing programs
	<ul> <li>Reviews the performance and development of, and succession planning for, Company senior management</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Oversees the Company's Charitable Contributions Program</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Reviews and discusses with management the Company's annual Compensation Discussion and Analysis, and recommends its inclusion in the Company's annual proxy statement and the Company's Form 10-K filed with the SEC (see Compensation Committee Report on page 24)</li> </ul>
Compensation Committee In	terlocks and Insider Participation.

During fiscal 2024, none of the members of the Compensation Committee (i) was an officer or employee of the Company; (ii) was formerly an officer of the Company; or (iii) had any other relationship requiring disclosure under any paragraph of Item 404 or under Item 407(e)(4) of SEC Regulation S-K. In addition, during fiscal 2023, none of the Company's executive officers served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that had one or more executive officers serving as a member of the Company's Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee.

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#### The Board's Role in Risk Oversight

The Company's management is responsible for managing the Company's risks on a day-to-day basis, and has adopted an ongoing enterprise risk management process that it uses to identify and assess Company risks. Management has identified risks in four general areas: Financial and Reporting; Legal and Compliance; Operational; and Strategic. Periodically, management advises the Board and the appropriate Board committee of the risks identified; management's assessment of those risks at the business unit and corporate levels; its plans for the management of these identified risks or the mitigation of their effects; and the results of the implementation of those plans.

While the Board as a whole has responsibility for and is involved in the oversight of management's risk management processes, plans and controls, some of the identified risks are given further review by the Board committee most closely associated with the identified risks. For example, the Audit Committee provides additional review of the risks in the areas of accounting and auditing, liquidity, credit, tax, information security and cybersecurity. Similarly, the Compensation Committee provides additional review of risks in the area of compensation and benefits and human resource planning. The Governance Committee devotes additional time to the review of risks associated with corporate governance, ethics, legal and ESG issues.

#### **Governance Policies and Management Oversight**

The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to guide its actions, as well as a Code of Conduct applicable to all of the Company's directors, officers and employees. Additionally, the Board has adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers applicable to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Controller and persons performing similar duties. These documents are posted on the Company's web site, www.escotechnologies.com, under the *Investor Center/Governance Documents* tab, and a copy of any of these documents is also available in print to any shareholder who requests it.

#### **Insider Trading and Clawback Policies**

In furtherance of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and the Code of Conduct, and in coordination with applicable securities-related laws and regulations, the Board of Directors has adopted robust policies regarding Insider Trading, including prohibitions against hedging and (for certain senior Company officials) pledging transactions involving Company stock, and policies permitting the Company to "claw back" all or part of the values of certain Company equity awards to executives or senior personnel in certain cases. Further information about these policies is set forth under *Insider Trading Policy; Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging Policies* and *Clawback Policy* beginning on page 34.

#### Cybersecurity

Global information technology security threats and targeted computer crime are increasing in frequency and sophistication. As these risks increase, the Company has enhanced its use of technologies and internal controls to protect our systems, networks and data. The Company's cybersecurity program includes employee training and testing, information security policies and procedures, third-party monitoring of our networks and systems, and maintenance of backup and other protective systems. Governmental authorities, including the United States government, have increasingly focused on cybersecurity requirements for government contractors. The Company's subsidiaries that serve in these capacities are increasingly focused on cybersecurity as they seek to comply with the US Department of Defense Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program and related governmental mandates.

The Audit Committee annually reviews the major financial risk exposures including cyber security and policies or controls management has implemented to manage and mitigate risks, and quarterly reviews management's assessment and oversight of cybersecurity and information technologies risks and any required remediation actions. The full Board annually reviews the Company's cybersecurity initiatives.

#### **Succession Planning**

The Compensation Committee of the Board conducts an annual review of the Company's long-term succession plan for the CEO. Having this succession plan in place enabled the Board to name Mr. Sayler as the successor to Victor L. Richey as CEO in late 2022 promptly after Mr. Richey notified the Board of his decision to retire. Additionally, the Board has in place an emergency succession plan for the CEO in order to minimize the uncertainty associated with an emergency succession event.

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#### **Independence and Related Person Determinations**

All of the Company's directors except Mr. Sayler are and will be independent of Company management. Additionally, all of the members of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Governance Committee are independent as defined by the New York Stock Exchange and set forth in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines.

The Company has implemented a written policy not only to ensure that all non-management directors meet the independence standards defined under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and the listing standards of the NYSE but to ensure that all Company transactions in which a "Related Person" has or will have a direct or indirect interest will be at arm's length and on terms generally available to an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances. "Related Persons" include the Company's directors, director nominees and executive officers, holders of 5% or more of the Company's stock, and the immediate family members of each. The policy contains procedures requiring Related Persons to notify the Company of any such transaction and for the Governance Committee to review the material facts of the proposed transaction and determine whether to approve or disapprove the transaction. The Committee will consider whether the transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances. If advance Committee approval is not feasible or is not obtained, the policy requires submission of the transaction to the Committee after the fact, and the Committee is empowered to approve, ratify, amend, rescind or terminate the transaction. In such event, the Committee will also request the General Counsel to evaluate the Company's controls and procedures to ascertain whether any changes to the policy are recommended.

The Company has developed and implemented processes and controls to obtain information about Related Person transactions for the purpose of determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether a Related Person has a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction. Pursuant to these processes and controls, all directors and executive officers must annually complete, sign and submit a Directors' and Officers' Questionnaire and a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire that are designed to identify Related Person transactions and both actual and potential conflicts of interest, and are required to update their responses in the event of any changes. Additionally, the holders of 5% or more of the Company's shares (all of whom are institutional investors), are annually requested to respond to certain questions designed to identify direct or indirect material interests by such 5% or more shareholder in any transactions with the Company.

Based on its review and processes, the Company has determined that except for the matters described in the following paragraphs there has been no transaction since the beginning of the Company's 2024 fiscal year, and there is no transaction currently proposed, in which the Company was or is to be a participant and in which any Related Person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

One of the Company's directors, David A. Campbell, is the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Evergy, Inc. (Evergy), which through its operating subsidiaries is a customer of the Company's subsidiary Doble Engineering Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates (together, Doble). Accordingly, the Board has affirmatively considered whether this relationship might affect Mr. Campbell's independence as a director of the Company. The Board determined that Doble, among other things, sells and leases equipment and software to Evergy, repairs and calibrates the equipment and maintains the software, and provides testing, training and consulting services to Evergy, all in the ordinary course of their respective businesses; that the total amount of these transactions was less than \$932,000 during 2023 (the last year for which information was available for Evergy), which is approximately 0.096% of the Company's 2023 revenues and approximately 0.04% of Evergy's spend for 2023; that Mr. Campbell was not personally involved in these transactions; and that all transactions between Doble and Evergy are intended to be and have been consistent with Doble's normal commercial terms offered to its customers.

In addition, another of the Company's directors, Penelope M. Conner, is the Executive Vice President of Customer Experience and Energy Strategy of Eversource Energy (Eversource), which through its operating subsidiaries is a customer of Doble. Accordingly, the Board has affirmatively considered whether this relationship might affect Ms. Conner's independence as a director of the Company. The Board determined that Doble, among other things, sells and leases equipment and software to Eversource, repairs and calibrates the equipment and maintains the software, and provides testing, training and consulting services to Eversource, all in the ordinary course of their respective businesses; that the total amount of these transactions was less than \$3,578,000 during 2023 (the last year for which information was available for Eversource), which is approximately 0.369% of the Company's 2023 revenues and approximately 0.076% of Eversource's spend for 2023; that Ms. Conner was not personally involved in these transactions, and that all transactions between Doble and Eversource are intended to be and have been consistent with Doble's normal commercial terms offered to its customers.

Based on its review and consideration of these facts, Mr. Campbell's and Ms. Conner's oral and written representations and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's approval of Mr. Campbell's and Ms. Conner's directorships, the Board determined that the relationships between the Company and Evergy and between the Company and Eversource are not material, that the relationships will not affect Mr. Campbell's or Ms. Conner's independent judgment on matters affecting the Company, and that Mr. Campbell and Ms. Conner are each independent under the standards of both the New York Stock Exchange and the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines.

#### **Communications with Directors**

Interested parties desiring to communicate concerns regarding the Company to the Chair of the Board or to the non management Directors as a group may direct correspondence to: Mr. Robert J. Phillippy, Chair, ESCO Technologies Board of Directors, ESCO Technologies Inc., 9900A Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124-1186. Alternatively, interested parties who wish to communicate with an individual director or any group of directors may write to such director(s) at ESCO Technologies Inc., 9900A Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124-1186, Attn: Secretary. All such letters will be forwarded promptly to the relevant director(s).

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The responsibilities and the substantial time commitment of a director at a public company require that the Company provide reasonable compensation to incentivize the directors' performance and ensure their willingness to continue to serve. The Company strives to engage and retain well-qualified directors with significant experience at companies of similar size and complexity. To ensure this is achieved, the Company regularly reviews the compensation provided to its directors. The Company's non-employee directors are compensated pursuant to the Sub-Plan for Compensation of Non-Employee Directors under the 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the Director Compensation Plan) based upon their respective levels of Board participation and responsibilities. The Compensation Committee obtains competitive market and peer data and periodically retains a compensation consultant to evaluate the competitiveness of its director compensation. The Committee approves the directors' compensation, but any changes are ratified by the full Board. As an employee of the Company, Mr. Sayler does not receive compensation for his service as a director.

The annual compensation for non-employee directors is based on a calendar year and is paid or awarded, as the case may be, on and as of the first NYSE trading day after each Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

#### Components of 2024 and 2025 Director Compensation

Cash Compensation	2024	2025
Annual Retainer (all non-management directors)	\$ 50,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 50,000
Chair of the Board	85,000	85,000
Committee Chairs:		
Audit	12,500	17,500
Compensation	10,000	15,000
• Governance	8,000	12,000
Equity Compensation	2024	2025
Restricted Share Award (all non-management directors)	\$ 180,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 180,000

1 For their service as directors during the latter part of calendar 2024, Ms. Conner and Mr. Campbell each received a prorated initial cash retainer of \$25,000 and a prorated initial equity award of whole shares valued at approximately \$90,000 on the respective effective dates of their elections as directors.

The annual equity award consists of a number of restricted share units (RSUs) equal to \$180,000 divided by the NYSE closing price of the common stock on the award date, rounded to the nearest whole share and vesting one year after the award date. The equity award for calendar 2024 was made on February 8, 2024 and will vest on February 8, 2025. Based on the NYSE closing stock price of \$103.84 on the award date it amounted to 1,733 RSUs per director.

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The partial-year calendar 2024 equity award to Mr. Campbell was made on October 16, 2024, based on the NYSE closing stock price of \$124.57 on September 25, 2024, the effective date of his election; rounded to the nearest whole share it amounted to 722 RSUs. The partial-year 2024 equity award to Ms. Conner was made on November 6, 2024, based on the NYSE closing stock price of \$127.89 on October 25, 2024, the effective date of her election; rounded to the nearest whole share it amounted to 704 RSUs. Like the full-year annual awards, each award will vest one year after the award date. Mr. Campbell elected to defer receipt of his 2024 equity award and cash retainer as described below.

During the vesting period, each director's RSU account accrues an additional number of unvested RSUs equivalent to the quarterly dividends that would have been paid on a like number of shares of common stock, divided by the NYSE closing price on the dividend date; and on the vesting date the director's accrued and vested RSUs are converted into whole shares of common stock, plus cash equal to the value of any fractional shares based on the NYSE closing price on the vesting date, and are distributed and paid to the director, or if the director has elected to defer their compensation as described below, the RSUs are retained in the director's deferred compensation account as vested common stock equivalents until the elected distribution date.

#### 2025 Compensation

The Compensation Committee reviewed the non-management directors' annual compensation program in August 2024, and based on its recommendations the Board determined to increase the annual compensation of the Committee Chairs for calendar 2025 as stated in the table above.

#### **Election to Defer Compensation**

Directors may elect in advance to defer receipt of all of their cash compensation and/or all of their stock compensation. If deferral is elected, the deferred amounts are credited to the director's deferred compensation account in common stock equivalents. If cash compensation is deferred, the number of common stock equivalents credited is equal to the amount deferred divided by the NYSE closing price of the common stock as of the date on which the deferral occurs (or if that is not a trading day, then the last preceding trading day). If stock compensation is deferred, the number of common stock equivalents credited is equal to the annot deferred is equal to the director's deferred compensation account have no voting rights, but earn dividend equivalents on each dividend payment date equal to the dividends payable on a like number of shares of common stock; and the dividend equivalents earned are credited to the director's deferred compensation account as additional common stock equivalents valued at the NYSE closing price on the dividend date. A director's deferred compensation account becomes distributable when the director leaves the Board, or at such other date as may be specified by the director consistent with the terms of the Director Compensation Plan; distribution will be accelerated in certain circumstances, including a change in control of the Company. The account is distributable at the election of the director either in cash or in shares; however, any stock portion which has been deferred may only be distributed in shares. For fiscal 2024, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dewar, Ms. Hess and Mr. Olivier elected to defer receipt of their cash compensation and stock compensation and stock compensation. Mr. Phillippy's and Ms. Valdez's cash and stock compensation from certain prior years continued to be deferred pursuant to prior deferral elections which they had terminated as to future compensation.

#### **Director Stock Ownership Guidelines**

Directors are subject to stock ownership guidelines. Under these guidelines, within five years after their appointment to the Board each non-management director is expected to acquire and hold shares or common stock equivalents having a total cash value equal to at least five times the annual cash retainer. All directors currently exceed the ownership guidelines except for Mr. Campbell and Ms. Conner, who are on track to reach the guideline amount in 2026.

#### **Fiscal 2024 Compensation**

The following table sets forth the compensation of the Company's non-management directors for fiscal 2024, including former director James M Stolze, who retired at the February 2024 Annual Meeting. Ms. Conner did not begin her service as a director until October 2025 and therefore received no compensation for fiscal 2024. As an executive officer, Mr. Sayler did not receive any additional compensation for his service as a director; his compensation is described under **Proposal 2: Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation** beginning on page 23.

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Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards <sup>1</sup>	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Nongualfied Deferred Compensation Earnings <sup>2,3</sup>	All Other Compensation	Total
David A. Campbell	\$ 25,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 89,940	_	_	\$ 0	_	\$ 114,940
Patrick M. Dewar	62,500 <sup>5</sup>	180,522	_	_	5,687	—	248,709
Janice L. Hess	50,000 <sup>6</sup>	180,522	_	_	1,369	_	231,891
Vinod M. Khilnani	60,078 <sup>7</sup>	180,522	_	—	0	—	240,600
Leon J. Olivier	58,000 <sup>8</sup>	180,522	—	_	10,884	—	249,406
Robert J. Phillippy	135,078 <sup>9</sup>	180,522	—	_	6,071	—	321,671
James M. Stolze	12,578 <sup>10</sup>	0	—	—	3,055	—	15,633
Gloria L. Valdez	50,140 <sup>11</sup>	180,522	—	_	2,569	_	233,231

1 Dollar amounts for the directors other than Mr. Campbell and Mr. Stolze represent (i) the aggregate fair values of the 1,733 RSUs awarded to the respective directors on February 8, 2024, based on the NYSE closing price of the underlying common stock of \$103.84 on that date; plus (ii) the values of the dividend equivalents accrued on the respective directors' unvested RSUs held during fiscal 2024 as of the respective dividend dates. The dollar amount for Mr. Campbell represents the aggregate fair value of the 722 RSUs deemed earned by Mr. Cambell on September 25, 2024, the effective date of his election as a director, but not issued until fiscal 2025. See Components of 2024 and 2025 Director Compensation above. In view of his retirement in February 2024, Mr. Stolze did not receive an equity award in fiscal 2024.

2 Dollar amounts represent the values of the dividend equivalents accrued as of the respective dividend dates during fiscal 2024 on the elective deferred stock compensation accounts of Mr. Dewar, Ms. Hess, Mr. Olivier, Mr. Phillippy, Mr. Stolze and Ms. Valdez. See Components of 2024 and 2025 Director Compensation above.

3 Includes, for Mr. Stolze, the change in actuarial present value of his accumulated benefits under the Directors' Extended Compensation Plan, a plan for non-management directors who began Board service prior to April 2001. Under the plan, Mr. Stolze was eligible to receive for life an annual benefit of \$20,000 beginning after his service as a director ceased; however, as permitted by the plan and in compliance with section 409(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, Mr. Stolze elected to receive the actuarial equivalent of the benefit in a single lump sum after retirement. Accordingly, following his retirement in February 2024, Mr. Stolze received a lump-sum payment of \$172,266 in satisfaction of his benefit entitlement. Because Mr. Stolze elected to receive his benefit in the form of a lump sum, the present value was calculated based on the August 2023 417(e) lump sum segment rates and the 2023 417(e) IRS prescribed mortality table. From September 30, 2023 to his actual payment as of April 1, 2024, Mr. Stolze's pension values decreased in the amount of (\$602). Pursuant to SEC regulations, the amount in the table does not include this decrease.

4 Represents a prorated calendar 2024 cash retainer of \$25,000, deemed earned by Mr. Campbell on September 25, 2024, the effective date of his election as a director, but not paid until fiscal 2025.

5 Represents cash retainer of \$50,000 and Audit Committee Chair fee of \$12,500; however, Mr. Dewar elected to defer receipt of his retainer and committee chair fee and to receive in lieu of cash a total of approximately 602 RSUs having the same aggregate value on their issue date.

6 Represents cash retainer of \$50,000; however, Ms. Hess elected to defer receipt of her retainer and to receive in lieu of cash a total of approximately 482 RSUs having the same aggregate value on their issue date.

7 Represents cash retainer of \$50,000, committee chair fee of \$10,000, and \$78 in cash from the redemption of fractional RSUs upon vesting.

8 Represents cash retainer of \$50,000 and committee chair fee of \$8,000; however, Mr. Olivier elected to defer receipt of his retainer and committee chair fee and to receive in lieu of cash a total of approximately 559 RSUs having the same aggregate value on their issue date.

9 Represents cash retainer of \$50,000, Board Chair fee of \$85,000 and \$78 in cash from the redemption of fractional RSUs upon vesting.

10 Represents a prorated cash retainer of \$12,500 and \$78 in cash from the redemption of fractional RSUs upon vesting.

11 Represents cash retainer of \$50,000 and \$78 in cash from the redemption of fractional RSUs upon vesting, and \$62 in cash from the redemption of fractional shares upon distribution of previously deferred shares; however, Ms. Valdez elected to defer receipt of her retainer and to receive in lieu of cash a total of approximately 482 RSUs having the same aggregate value on their issue date.

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# Proposal 2: Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this Proposal.

Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Board of Directors is again soliciting an advisory (non-binding) shareholder vote, commonly referred to as "Say-on-Pay", to approve the compensation of the executive officers whose compensation is disclosed in this Proxy Statement (the named executive officers or NEOs). At our 2024 Annual Meeting, over 98% of the shares represented and entitled to vote on the Say on Pay proposal, and over 91% of all outstanding shares, were voted in support of the Say-on-Pay proposal. Based on the preference of over 93% of the votes cast on the frequency of the Say-on-Pay proposals in 2023, we plan to continue to hold a Say-on-Pay vote every year.

The Board of Directors strongly endorses our executive compensation program and recommends that the shareholders vote in favor of the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Company's shareholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the executive compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the Summary Compensation Table, and the other related tables and narrative disclosure."

Shareholders are encouraged to review the **Compensation Discussion and Analysis** section below as well as the Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and narrative disclosure referred to in the proposed Resolution, which provide details about our executive compensation program as well as specific information about the compensation of our named executive officers.

This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of the named executive officers as described in this Proxy Statement. Although the vote is non-binding, the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee value the opinions of the shareholders, and to the extent there is a significant vote against the above resolution the Company will consider the shareholders' concerns and the Committee will evaluate what actions (if any) may be necessary to address those concerns.

# SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, motivate, and retain executive officers who are critical to our success. The Committee believes that the program constitutes a balanced, competitive approach to compensation that supports our compensation objectives through performance-based compensation that aligns the interests of executives with those of our shareholders.

The Compensation Committee reviews our compensation program at least annually to ensure that it achieves the desired goals of aligning our executive compensation structure with shareholders' interests and current market practices.

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X No repricing or exchange of equity-based awards without shareholder

- Pay for performance philosophy
- Significant portion of compensation is at-risk
- Competitive stock ownership guidelines
- Robust clawback policy
- Double-trigger change-in-control equity vesting
- Independent compensation consultant

# **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and President as well as other senior officers and key executives of the Company. The Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Company's disclosures under the section captioned Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning immediately following this Compensation Committee Report.

× No excessive perquisites

approval

X No tax gross-ups on perquisites

X No tax gross-ups on change in control severance

X No hedging or pledging of Company stock

Based on such review and discussion, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 filed with the SEC.

#### The Human Resources and Compensation Committee

Vinod M. Khilnani, Chair Patrick M. Dewar Robert J. Phillippy Gloria L. Valdez

## **COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis discusses the compensation of the following NEOs.

- Bryan H. Sayler, Chief Executive Officer & President
- Christopher L. Tucker, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
- David M. Schatz, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

#### **2024 Performance Highlights**

Net Sales

**Diluted Earnings Per Share** 

\$1,027M

Record Sales +7% over prior year

- Sales exceeded \$1 billion for the first time
- Record Sales, Orders, Backlog and GAAP Earnings per Share
- Leveraged revenue growth to drive higher profit margins

Returned \$16 million to shareholders through dividends and the repurchase of outstanding shares of common stock

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**Entered Orders** 

\$1,133M Record Orders & Ending Backlog Orders +10% / Backlog +14% over prior year

- - +10% over prior year
  - \$3.94

#### 2024 Performance Related to Executive Compensation

The Compensation Committee established two performance metrics, "Adjusted EPS" and "Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities," to determine incentive plan compensation earned during fiscal 2024 and thereby incent the participants and align cash incentive compensation with business objectives. Adjusted EPS and Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities are non-GAAP measures, and the factors used in the calculation of the 2024 adjustments differed slightly from those used to calculate the 2023 adjustments; for a detailed description and a reconciliation to the nearest GAAP measure, see **2024 Cash Incentive Metrics**, below.

#### **Pay for Performance**

Our compensation programs are designed to maximize shareholder value by allocating a significant portion of executive compensation to at-risk pay. Our annual cash incentive program and equity-based PSUs utilize a variety of key strategic and financial performance metrics and are designed to reward positive financial performance and limit unnecessary risk taking. Stock ownership guidelines align the interests of executives and shareholders by ensuring that executives bear the economic risk of share ownership.

#### **Compensation Objective**

The Compensation Committee's objective is to develop and maintain industry-competitive compensation packages to attract, retain, motivate and reward our executive officers and other senior officers and key executives. Compensation programs are designed to be consistent with those of other companies engaged in similar industries and/or of similar size with which we are likely to compete for talent to enable us to employ and retain a high-quality management team. The Committee seeks to use performance-based compensation to maximize the alignment of executive compensation with the long-term interests of our shareholders.

The Committee sets compensation levels based on the skills, experience and performance of each executive officer, taking into account the benchmarking described below and compensation recommendations made by the CEO (except with respect to his own position). The Committee's pay for performance philosophy is reflected in the annual compensation review. The Committee also considers tally sheets which provide, for each executive officer, a recap of each principal element of compensation as well as benefits, perquisites, equity awards, and stock ownership and potential ownership. The tally sheets also reflect the incremental compensation which would be payable as a result of various termination scenarios and each element of pay or benefits impacted. The Committee retains the discretion to adjust all elements of compensation as it deems appropriate, subject to the requirements of shareholder-approved plans.

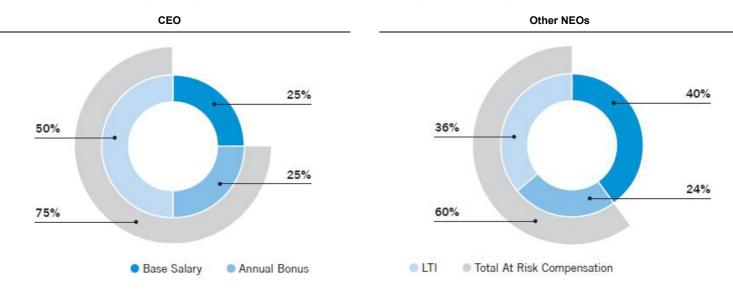
#### **Executive Compensation Program Highlights**

Pay for performance philosophy	A significant portion of NEO pay is at-risk in order to align pay with business strategy and shareholder interests
At-risk annual cash incentive	Based on achievement of specified Company performance metrics
Long-term equity incentive compensation (LTI)	Incorporates long-term Company performance metrics, and retention factors such as delayed vesting
Limited perquisites	Perquisites are appropriate to the position and not excessive
No tax gross-ups	No tax gross-up on any perquisites or severance benefits
Competitive stock ownership policy	NEO stock ownership requirement is based on a multiple of base salary
Clawback policy	Cash incentive and equity awards may be reclaimed by the Company in case of malfeasance or accounting restatements due to noncompliance with financial reporting requirements
No hedging or pledging	NEOs must retain the risks of Company stock ownership
Double trigger vesting	NEO change in control agreements and stock awards contain double trigger vesting provisions
Independent compensation consultant	The Compensation Committee retains its own independent compensation consultant
Strong say-on-pay support	Over 99% of the shares voting at the 2023 Annual Meeting supported the Company's executive compensation program

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The following table summarizes the 2024 target direct compensation pay mix for the CEO and other NEOs, with approximately 75% of the CEO's target direct compensation at risk and 60% of the average of the other NEOs' target direct compensation at risk. Target direct compensation is defined as the sum of the executive officer's base salary, annual cash incentive award, and annual long term equity incentive awards, in each case calculated at the target level specified by the Compensation Committee.



#### **Compensation Consultant and Benchmarking**

The Compensation Committee is authorized by its charter to employ independent compensation and other consultants. The Committee has typically engaged a nationally recognized compensation consulting firm (Compensation Consultant) every other year to assist the Committee in evaluating executive compensation. The Compensation Consultant provides information, research and analysis pertaining to executive compensation as requested by the Committee, including updates on market trends, survey data and analysis for market review. The Committee also from time to time engages our primary outside counsel, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP (BCLP) to advise it on selected executive compensation issues.

The Committee conducts a peer and market review every two years; the most recent review was in 2022, as described below.

#### 2022 Compensation Report (Fiscal 2023 Compensation Review)

In the summer of 2022, the Committee engaged Pay Governance LLC as the Compensation Consultant to provide a compensation report (the 2022 Compensation Report) for the Committee's fiscal 2023 compensation review. One of the elements of the 2022 Compensation Report was the 2022 Mercer Benchmark Database/Total Remuneration Survey – Executive (the Mercer Survey), a broad-based survey of management compensation, as the primary source for benchmarking its executive compensation levels. A broad market survey provides decision-quality data that is generally reliable and consistent year-over-year. The Company was a participant in the Mercer Survey. A list of all of the participating companies included in the Mercer Survey is attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement.

For its 2022 Compensation Report, the Compensation Consultant also provided proxy data from the peer group described below (2022 Peer Group) to be used in conjunction with the Mercer Survey in order to add context to the decision-making process and provide a supplemental perspective on the market. Peer group proxy data provides transparent line-by-line information for each company in the peer group, and provides the ability to review industry trends and compensation design practices as well as pay-for-performance alignment. The 2022 Peer Group was based on the SIC codes assigned to the Company's subsidiaries and represented companies in the following industries in which the Company participates:

- Industrial valves
- General industrial machinery
- Radio and television communications equipment
- Printed circuit boards
- Instruments to measure electricity
- Services not elsewhere classified

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Companies in the above industries were then filtered for revenue size in order to determine the 2022 Peer Group. The following is a list of the companies in the 2022 Peer Group, with their ticker symbols:

Ameresco, Inc. (AMRC)*	Kaman Corporation (KAMN)
Badger Meter, Inc. (BMI)	MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc. (MTSI)
Barnes Group Inc. (B)*	Mueller Water Products, Inc. (MWA)
Chart Industries, Inc. (GTLS)	National Instruments Corporation (NATI)*
CIRCOR International, Inc. (CIR)	Powell Industries, Inc. (POWL)*
Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (CMTL)	SPX Technologies Inc.
CTS Corporation (CTS)	Standex International Corporation (SXI)
FARO Technologies, Inc. (FARO)*	Tri Mas Corporation (TRS)*
Franklin Electric Co., Inc. (FELE)	Viavi Solutions Inc. (VIAV)*
Helios Technologies (HLIO)	

\*These companies did not report compensation data for the General Counsel position in their proxy materials.

#### Fiscal 2024 Benchmarking

For its compensation review for fiscal 2024, the Committee reviewed each principal element of compensation (base salary, cash incentive and LTI), as well as total cash compensation (base salary and cash incentive), and total direct compensation (target cash compensation and LTI) for each of the Company's executive officer positions, and compared them against the benchmark range from the Compensation Report. For all three of the NEOs, the benchmark range for each element of compensation in the Compensation Report is the median plus or minus 15% as aged by 4%. For fiscal 2024, the Committee utilized the benchmark ranges from the Compensation Report, as aged by 4%, in determining the competitiveness of the executives' compensation. The Committee also compared relative Company performance against the performance of the companies in the 2022 Peer Group to test the overall reasonableness of pay for performance.

The Committee used the Compensation Report described above as a guideline and frame of reference in determining appropriate compensation levels and incentives for the executive officers; however, the Committee does not make its decisions according to a formula, and the Committee exercises considerable judgment and discretion in making them. The complexity and composition of the Company does not lend itself to comparisons with a readily ascertainable peer group, and while matching by SIC codes can provide some measure of comparability, there are wide variations in the type and complexity of these companies. The Committee therefore considers the benchmark ranges to be only a guide, and makes individual determinations of compensation for each of the executive officers based on numerous factors including the comparative responsibilities of the executive officers and the Committee's assessments of individual and Company performance.

#### **Compensation Consultant Independence**

In August 2024, the Committee assessed the independence of Pay Governance and BCLP in line with the SEC's compensation consultant independence factors, and determined there were no conflicts of interest. The Committee will continue to review their independence status annually and will keep the compliance letters on file.

#### **Principal Elements of Compensation Program**

The principal elements of the 2024 compensation program for executive officers (base salary, annual cash incentive and long-term equity incentive) are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table on page 36. Each of these elements is described in detail in the corresponding sections below.

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Pay Element	Form	2024 Metrics	Objectives
Base Salary	Cash	Benchmarked to market median, subject to adjustment for individual factors such as experience and performance	Attract and retain qualified executives
Annual Incentive Plan (PCP)	Cash	<ul><li>100% based on financial results:</li><li>70% based on Adjusted EPS</li><li>30% based on Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities</li></ul>	Drive profitability, growth and progress against strategy
Long-Term Equity Incentive (LTI)	Performance Share Units (PSUs)	Awards vest after 3-year performance period • 60% based on EBITDA growth • 40% based on Return on Invested Capital • Potential for modification based on rTSR	Align NEOs' efforts with creation of long- term shareholder value
	Restricted Share Units (RSUs)	2024 awards vest in thirds approximately 1, 2 and 3 years after grant	Retention, ownership and full alignment with the shareholder experience
Benefits	Consistent with other similarly sit	uated personnel	

We do not believe that any risks arising from our compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. Any such risk is mitigated by the multiple elements of the compensation programs, including base salary, annual cash incentive programs, and LTI awards which are earned over multiple years. This structure encourages decision-making that is in the best long-term interests of the Company and our shareholders.

#### **Total Direct Compensation**

The executive officers receive total direct compensation consisting of cash compensation (base salary plus annual cash incentive compensation) and long-term equity incentive compensation. Each of these elements is described in detail in the corresponding sections below.

The Committee sets target levels for total direct compensation based on the skills, experience, breadth of their role, and performance of each executive officer, taking into account the benchmarking described above and compensation recommendations made by the CEO (except with respect to his own position). The Committee also considers the Company's performance. For fiscal 2024, the Committee increased the executive officers' total direct compensation as described in detail below. Total direct compensation for fiscal 2024 was within the benchmark range for Mr. Schatz, slightly above the benchmark range for Mr. Tucker, and below the benchmark range for Mr. Sayler.

#### **Base Salaries**

Base salaries are designed to attract, retain, motivate and reward competent, qualified, experienced executives, although we emphasize performance-based compensation for the executive officers.

Fiscal 2024 base salaries for the executive officers were set by the Committee in the first quarter of fiscal 2024. Annual base salaries for the executive officers for fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2023 were as follows:

#### Base Salaries<sup>1</sup>

Officer	FY 2024 Base Salary FY 2023 Bas		Percent Increase from FY 2023
Bryan H. Sayler	\$ 755,000	\$ 715,000	5.6%
Christopher L. Tucker	598,500	570,000	5%
David M. Schatz	405,800	394,000	3%

1 Amounts shown are annual rates for fiscal 2024; the actual amounts paid are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table.

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#### **Changes to Base Salaries for Fiscal 2025**

For fiscal 2025 the Committee determined that increases in base salary of 10%, 3% and 5% were warranted for Mr. Sayler, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Schatz, resulting in base salaries of \$830,500, \$616,500 and \$426,100, respectively. To assist in evaluating 2025 executive compensation, the Committee engaged Pay Governance to conduct a comprehensive 2024 market assessment. Mr. Sayler's percentage increase was higher because his base salary was 12% below the median of the survey and 19% below the median of the peer group proxy data presented by Pay Governance.

#### **Annual Cash Incentive**

The Committee uses annual performance-based cash incentives to compensate the executive officers. The Committee establishes at-risk performance targets for the executive officers using financial and operational goals linking compensation to overall Company performance. The annual cash incentive targets for fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2023 were as follows:

#### Target Cash Incentive Compensation<sup>1</sup>

Officer	FY 2024 Target Cash Incentive	FY 2023 Target Cash Incentive	Percent Increase from FY 2023
Bryan H. Sayler	\$ 755,000	\$ 715,000	5.6%
Christopher L. Tucker	389,000	373,000	4.3%
David M. Schatz	202,900	176,000	15.3%

1 Amounts shown are annual targets for fiscal 2024; the actual amounts paid are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table.

The fiscal 2024 cash incentive targets for the executive officers were established pursuant to our Performance Compensation Plan (PCP) authorized under the 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan. This at risk plan closely links the executive officers' pay to our financial results and provides compensation variability in the form of reduced payments when performance is below targets and higher compensation when performance exceeds targets. The PCP has a fixed target with a payout range based on performance. The Committee has discretion to either increase or decrease the actual cash incentive payouts. For fiscal 2024, the Committee determined to set the cash incentive targets as a percent of base salary in line with market practices. The 2024 cash incentive targets for Mr. Sayler, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Schatz were 100% of 2024 base salary, 65% of 2024 base salary, and 50% of 2024 base salary, respectively.

#### **Changes to Annual Cash Incentive for Fiscal 2025**

Consistent with fiscal 2024, the Committee determined that the cash incentive targets for fiscal 2025 would be set as a percent of base salary in line with market practices. The fiscal 2025 cash incentive targets for Mr. Sayler, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Schatz are \$830,500 (100% of 2025 base salary), \$400,725 (65% of 2025 base salary), and \$213,050 (50% of 2025 base salary), respectively.

#### **Total Target Cash Compensation**

The target percentages of total cash compensation represented by base salary and by the PCP target varied for fiscal 2024 based on the position, as follows:

#### Target Total Cash Compensation: Fiscal 2024<sup>1</sup>

	_	Base Salary	Casl	Cash Incentive Target (PCP)	
Officer		Percent of Target Total Cash Compensation	Percent of Target Total Cash Compensation		Target Total Cash Compensation
Bryan H. Sayler	\$ 755,000	50%	\$ 755,000	50%	\$ 1,510,000
Christopher L. Tucker	598,500	61%	389,000	39%	\$987,500
David M. Schatz	405,800	67%	202,900	33%	\$608,700

1 Amounts shown are annual targets as of the beginning of fiscal 2024; the actual amounts paid are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table.

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The higher at-risk target percentage for the CEO as compared to the other executive officers is based on our at risk philosophy and the greater responsibilities of the CEO. Similarly, the CFO has a higher at-risk percentage as compared to the General Counsel. Near the beginning of each fiscal year, after reviewing our business plans for the fiscal year, the Committee determines the key short-term business metrics on which senior management should focus in order to drive results and approves the cash incentive target for each executive officer. Because of the broad responsibilities of the executive officers, their criteria are tied to Company-wide metrics. The Committee then determines the percentage of the cash incentive target which should be tied to each of the metrics and the performance target for each metric, and approves the threshold and maximum multipliers which will be applied to each of the performance targets to determine the payment under the plan. If performance is below the threshold for a metric, there is no payout for that metric.

#### **Cash Incentive Metrics**

During the first quarter of fiscal 2024 the Committee approved two metrics for achievement of the fiscal 2024 PCP incentive targets, based on the annual operating plan reviewed by the Board of Directors. The first metric in 2024 was "Adjusted EPS," weighted at 70% of the total PCP target opportunity; Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure. Fiscal 2024 Adjusted EPS of \$4.18 equaled GAAP diluted EPS of \$3.94 excluding \$0.24 per share of after-tax charges consisting primarily of \$0.09 of debt financing and \$0.06 of acquisition costs at Corporate related to the pending SM&P acquisition which was announced in July 2024, \$0.05 of restructuring charges (primarily severance) in the A&D, Test and USG segments, and \$0.04 of backlog and inventory step-up charges at the Company's subsidiary MPE Limited which was acquired during fiscal 2024.

The second metric in fiscal 2024 was "Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities," weighted at 30% of the total PCP target opportunity; Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities is a non-GAAP financial measure. Fiscal 2024 Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities of \$132.3 million equaled GAAP Cash Flow from Operating Activities of \$127.5 million excluding \$4.8 million of adjustments consisting primarily of debt financing and acquisition costs at Corporate related to the pending SM&P acquisition and restructuring charges (primarily severance) in the A&D, Test and USG segments.

The Committee approved the following targets for the two fiscal 2024 cash incentive metrics. It believes that the selected metrics and the performance benchmarks for each metric, and the threshold and maximum multipliers, provided meaningful incentives for 2024 performance.

#### 2024 PCP Targets and Results

		2	024 Benchmarks			
Metric	Weight (% of Target Incentive)	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Actual Value Achieved	Actual % of Payout Earned (unweighted)
Adjusted EPS	70%	\$ 3.57	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.62	\$ 4.18	97.79%
Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities (millions)	30%	120.3	141.5	162.7	132.3	69.76%
% of Target Earned at Each Benchmark		30% <sup>1</sup>	100%	200%		
Weighted % of Total Target Earned						89.38%

1 If performance is below the threshold for a given metric, there is no payment for that metric.

The Summary Compensation Table on page 36 reflects the actual payouts to the executive officers under the PCP for fiscal 2024.

#### **Changes to Cash Incentive Metrics for Fiscal 2025**

In line with its practice in recent years, the Committee determined to allocate 100% of the executive officers' cash incentive compensation opportunity to the PCP, and approved the following performance criteria for fiscal 2025:

- "Adjusted EPS," weighted at 70% of the total target opportunity and consisting of earnings per share excluding certain defined non-recurring gains and charges expected to be realized or incurred in fiscal 2024 (this is a non-GAAP measure); and
- "Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities," weighted at 30% of the total target opportunity (this is a non-GAAP measure).

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As in 2024, the potential cash incentive compensation for fiscal 2025 will range from 0 to 2.0 times the target opportunity for both Adjusted EPS and Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities, depending on actual 2025 performance.

#### Long-Term Incentive Compensation

The Company's annual LTI award program consists of a combination of performance-based share unit (PSU) awards and time-vested restricted share unit (RSU) awards, with each type weighted at 50% of the total LTI opportunity. For fiscal 2024, both the PSU and RSU grants were approved in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

We do not coordinate LTI grants with the release of material non-public information. Company-wide equity grants, including equity grants to our executive officers, are made at regular meetings of the Compensation Committee. We also do not grant stock options or other awards which require a payment by the recipient in order to realize the value of the award.

The target number of shares in each RSU and PSU award equals the Committee-approved target values divided by the average trading price of the Company's stock over the last 15 trading days before the effective award date. The actual payout of the RSUs and PSUs will be in shares, whose value at the time of payout may be greater or less than the target values. For an award to vest, the recipient must generally be continuously employed by the Company from the award date through the vesting date.

For the executive officers, the numbers of RSUs granted and the PSU threshold, target and maximum numbers of shares payable according to the performance criteria, were as follows:

	RSU T Values		Number of			PSU Payout Potential (Shares)			
Officer	Grant	Date	RSUs Granted			Threshold (50%)	Target (100%)	Maximum (200%)	
Bryan H. Sayler	\$	755,000	7,627	\$	755,000	3,814	7,627	15,254	
Christopher L. Tucker		299,250	3,023		299,250	1,512	3,023	6,046	
David M. Schatz		152,500	1,538		152,500	769	1,538	3,076	

#### **Restricted Share Units (RSUs)**

RSUs are time-vested awards. The terms of the fiscal 2024 awards were similar to those granted in fiscal 2023, except that to better align with the Company's fiscal year goal-setting process, and conform to the granting schedule of the PSU awards, the fiscal 2024 RSU awards were granted in the first quarter and will vest in three equal portions approximately 12, 24 and 36 months after the month in which they are granted; accordingly, for the fiscal 2024 awards, vesting will occur on the last NYSE trading days in November 2024, 2025 and 2026, at which time they will be converted into a like number of shares of Company common stock, and such shares will be paid out to the participant (after statutory tax withholdings) on the following business day.

#### Performance Share Units (PSUs)

Other than the specific share amounts and performance goals, the terms of the fiscal 2024 PSUs were substantially similar to those awarded for fiscal 2023, including that the awards are subject to the Company's Clawback Policy (see *Clawback Policy* on <u>page 35</u>). PSUs awarded in fiscal 2024 will vest, after a three-year performance period ending with fiscal 2026, on the last trading day of the month in which the HRCC approves and certifies the extent to which the applicable performance goals have been achieved. To the extent earned, the vested awards will be converted into a number of shares of Company common stock based on achievement of the performance goals. The award distribution in shares may be less than or greater than the number of PSUs awarded depending on the degree to which the Company has achieved specified performance goals. Straight-line interpolation will be used to score between threshold, target and maximum performance levels. For the fiscal 2024 PSU awards, the Committee continued to align the performance measures with shareholders by continuing the use of EBITDA as a performance measure with a 60% weighting and Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) as a performance measure with a 40% weighting, and continuing the use of relative Total Shareholder Return (rTSR) as a potential modifier:

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#### EBITDA Performance Goals – 60% of PSU award value

		Below Threshold	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Cumulative Company EBITDA for the three year performance period <sup>1</sup>	Performance Level	<85% of EBITDA target	85% of EBITDA target	\$633.6 million	130% of EBITDA target
year performance period.	Payout <sup>2</sup>	0%	50%	100%	200%

#### ROIC Performance Goals - 40% of PSU award value

		Below Threshold	Threshold	Target	Maximum	
Company ROIC for 2026 <sup>3</sup>	Performance Level (in percentages)	<85% of ROIC target	85% of ROIC target	12% for FY2026	130% of ROIC target	
	Payout <sup>2</sup>	0%	50%	100%	200%	

1 The EBITDA target was set by the Committee to represent a challenging performance incentive based on annual percentage increases over actual 2023 EBITDA and is not intended as guidance or a prediction of actual results

2 Subject to adjustment as described below.

3 The ROIC target was set by the Committee to represent a challenging performance incentive and is not intended as guidance or a prediction of actual results.

After applying the above performance metrics, the resulting number of PSUs may be subject to increase or decrease based on the Company's Total Shareholder Return (TSR) over the performance period compared to the TSR of the companies in a peer group based on the S&P SmallCap 600 Industrials Index. If the Company's rTSR is below the 25th percentile or above the 75th percentile, the resulting number of shares will be decreased by 20% or increased by 20%, respectively; if the Company's rTSR is from the 25th percentile to the 75th percentile, no adjustment will be made. In no event will the award payout be greater than 200% of the target.

For more information about the fiscal 2024 LTI awards, see Grants of Plan-Based Awards on page 37.

#### **Changes to Long Term Incentive Compensation for 2025**

The 2024 Pay Governance market assessment indicated that the executive officers' total direct compensation was lagging the market primarily due to below-market LTI. In response, the Committee significantly increased the total 2025 LTI values as percentages of base salaries, resulting in fiscal 2025 target LTI values as of the grant date of \$2,700,000 (325% of base salary) for Mr. Sayler, \$770,600 (125% of base salary) for Mr. Tucker, and \$426,100 (100% of base salary) for Mr. Schatz.

In addition, although the Committee determined that the LTI awards for fiscal 2025 would be provided in the same two forms as in fiscal 2024, it determined to shift the mix of the LTI awards toward the performance-based PSUs rather than being divided equally between the PSUs and the RSUs as they were in fiscal 2024, and it assigned 70% of the total LTI target value to the PSUs and 30% to the RSUs.

The fiscal 2025 PSUs were granted in November 2024, and after a three-year performance period ending with fiscal 2027, they will vest on the last trading day of the month in which the HRCC approves and certifies the extent to which the applicable performance goals have been achieved. To the extent earned, the vested awards will be converted into a currently undeterminable number of shares of Company common stock, which may be less than or greater than the number of PSUs awarded, within certain specified threshold and maximum limits, depending on the degree to which the Company has achieved one or more specified performance goals. If the performance is less than the threshold goal for a particular performance measure, there will be no payout of that portion of the PSUs dependent on that measure.

The fiscal 2025 RSU awards were also granted in November 2024 and will vest in three equal portions approximately 12, 24 and 36 months after the month in which they are granted; for the fiscal 2025 awards, vesting will occur on the last trading days in November of 2025, 2026 and 2027.

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# **Other Compensation Elements**

#### Perquisites

The Company also provides limited perquisites to the executive officers, which currently include financial planning and an annual physical. The Committee annually reviews the types and value of the perquisites provided to the executive officers as part of its overall review of executive compensation. The Committee determined the perquisites paid in fiscal 2024 to be reasonable.

Certain of these perquisites are treated as taxable income. We do not reimburse our executive officers for the income taxes due on these perquisites ("tax gross-ups"), and beginning in fiscal 2023 we ceased providing auto allowances and country club benefits for our executive officers other than country club initiation fee benefits for Mr. Sayler and Mr. Tucker based on their employment terms at hire.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

Like our other employees, the executive officers are eligible for retirement benefits provided through a matched defined contribution (401(k)) program. See **Pension Benefits** on page 39. Our former defined benefit pension plan was terminated in February 2020, and the participants received lump sum distributions in liquidation of their plan accounts.

#### Severance Plan

Severance provisions in the event of a change of control benefit a company by allowing executives who are parties to such arrangements to focus on continuing business operations and the success of a potential business combination rather than seeking alternative employment, thereby providing stability to a corporation during a potentially uncertain period. Accordingly, the Company has adopted a Severance Plan which prescribes the compensation and benefits to be provided in the event of a change of control to certain executives, including the CEO and the other executive officers.

Our change of control arrangements were designed to provide executives with severance payments and certain other benefits in the event that their employment is terminated in connection with a change of control transaction. The Severance Plan includes a "double trigger," which means that it provides severance benefits only if there is both (1) a change of control of the Company, and (2) the Company (or any successor) terminates the employee's employment without cause within 36 months following a change of control, or the employee terminates his or her employment for good reason within 36 months following a change of control, or the Company terminates the employee's employment within 90 days before a change of control at the request of a third party who, at such time, had taken steps reasonably calculated to effect the change of control.

For purposes of the Severance Plan, "change of control" means any of the following (subject to the specific definitions in the Severance Plan): (i) the acquisition by any person or group of at least 20% of the then-outstanding shares of the Company's common stock; or (ii) a change in a majority of the members of the Board of Directors that is not approved by the incumbent Board; or (iii) the approval by the shareholders of either a reorganization, merger or consolidation after which the shareholders will not own at least a majority of the Company's common stock and voting power, or a liquidation or dissolution of the Company, or the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets.

If the Severance Plan is triggered, the executive will be entitled to all accrued but unpaid compensation, a pro rata cash bonus for the year of separation and benefits through the date of separation, as well as a lump sum cash payment which is designed to replicate the cash compensation (base salary and cash incentive), plus certain benefits, that the executive would have received had he or she remained employed for two years. These payments and benefits would only be paid as a result of a double-trigger event. The determination of the appropriate level of payments and benefits to be provided in the event of a change of control termination involved consideration of several factors. The two-year multiple was determined based on a survey of the Company's peers at the time the Severance Plan was adopted by the Company, and is deemed to be reasonable. The Committee considered that a high-level executive, who is more likely to lose his or her job in connection with a change of control than other employees, may require more time than other employees in order to secure an appropriate new position, and, unless that executive was provided with change of control benefits, he or she may be motivated to start a job search early if a change of control is anticipated, to the detriment of the Company. Thus, the existence of the Severance Plan unless there has been not only a change of control but also a qualifying termination of employment, thus providing an acquirer the opportunity to retain the Company's management team during or after a transition period.

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For further information about the Severance Plan, and a sample calculation of the cash compensation and benefits to be provided to our executive officers under the Severance Plan, based on certain stated assumptions, see *Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control* beginning on page 40.

In addition, pursuant to the executive officers' severance agreements as well as their LTI award agreements, in the event of a change of control, all LTI awards are to be assumed by the acquirer or successor entity and converted to an equivalent agreement. If for any reason the awards will not or cannot be assumed, they will be paid out in cash.

#### **Employment Agreements**

We have entered into employment and compensation agreements with each of our executive officers, most recently with Mr. Sayler effective January 1, 2023, consistent with the financial terms of his accepted offer letter and otherwise substantially on the same terms as the employment agreements with our other executive officers. The agreements provide for payment of an annual base salary, participation in our cash incentive plans, eligibility for participation in our LTI plans and benefit plans and programs applicable to senior executives, and continuance of certain perquisites. For more information about the terms of these agreements, including specifics regarding the cash compensation and benefits provided in the event of a qualifying separation, and for a sample calculation based on certain stated assumptions, see *Employment Agreements* on page 39, and *Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control* beginning on page 40.

The Compensation Committee periodically assesses the reasonableness of the executive officers' employment agreements to consider whether any changes are appropriate.

#### Limit on Deductibility of Certain Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code prohibits publicly held companies, including the Company, from deducting salaries and other compensation paid to an executive officer to the extent that the total exceeds \$1 million during the tax year. Certain compensation based upon the attainment of performance goals set by the Compensation Committee was formerly able to qualify for an exclusion from this limitation, but this exclusion has been eliminated. However, the Committee intends to continue its practice of the attainment of performance goals set by the compensation of the attainment of performance goals set by the Compensation utilizing shareholder-approved metrics for our cash incentive plans when appropriate, although it reserves the right to use other award provisions that are tailored to achieving our financial and business objectives if it determines that the awards and performance metrics are appropriate and consistent with our business needs.

#### **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

The Compensation Committee has established stock ownership guidelines for the executive officers. The guidelines set the minimum level of ownership at a multiple of annual base salary as follows:

Title	Multiple of Base Salary
CEO and President	5x
Other Executive Officers	3x

Executive officers are expected to be in compliance with the ownership guidelines within five years of their appointments, and they are required to hold 100% of all after-tax stock distributions received from compensation awards until the guideline amounts are reached and thereafter as needed to maintain ownership of at least the guideline amounts. All of our executive officers currently exceed the ownership guidelines.

#### Insider Trading Policy; Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging Policies; Timing of LTI Grants

Our Insider Trading Policy prohibits any employee from trading in Company securities while in possession of material non-public information. In addition, the Insider Trading Policy strictly prohibits our directors, officers and employees from engaging in transactions in Company securities involving puts, calls or other derivative securities on an exchange or in any other organized market, selling Company securities "short", or entering into hedging or similar arrangements (such as exchange funds) involving Company securities. The Insider Trading Policy also prohibits our directors, officers, corporate office employees, and other designated employees in management positions from pledging Company securities as collateral for a loan or holding Company securities in a margin account. These policies are intended to ensure that the executive officers, as well as other Company personnel in positions of authority, cannot offset or hedge against declines in the price of

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the Company stock they own or have a personal interest in the price of their shares which may be different from the interests of other shareholders generally. A clickable link to the Insider Trading Policy is located at Exhibit 19 in the Exhibit Index to our 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K on file with the SEC.

We do not coordinate LTI grants with the release of material non-public information. Company-wide equity grants, including equity grants to our executive officers, are made at regular meetings of the Compensation Committee. We also do not grant stock options or other awards which require a payment by the recipient in order to realize the value of the award.

## **Clawback Policy**

Our Code of Conduct reaffirms the importance of high standards of business ethics. Adherence to these standards by all employees is the best way to ensure compliance and secure public confidence and support. All employees are responsible for their actions and for conducting themselves with integrity. Any failure on the part of any employee to meet any of the standards embodied in this Code will be subject to disciplinary action, including potential dismissal.

Since 2010, we have had in effect a robust Compensation Recovery Policy (Clawback Policy), and effective in October 2023 we adopted a Supplement to the Clawback Policy designed to comply with the enhanced clawback-related listing standards adopted in 2023 by the NYSE. The Clawback Policy provides that when appropriate, and in accordance with applicable law, the Company may recover any "Recoverable Compensation" received during a prescribed period of up to three years if an executive or other senior officer of the Company or any of our affiliates:

- · Engages in intentional misconduct resulting in a financial restatement or in any increase in his or her incentive or equity income, or
- Engages in activity that competes with the Company or its affiliated companies, or
- Solicits customers or hires or assists anyone else in soliciting or hiring employees of the Company or its affiliates after termination of employment or engages in the
  unauthorized disclosure or use of the Company's confidential information resulting in harm to the Company or its affiliates, in any case in violation of agreements
  entered into by such employee prohibiting such actions.

"Recoverable Compensation" is defined to include any equity and incentive compensation received, earned or distributed to or for the benefit of an executive or senior officer, including amounts and shares under any equity or compensation plan or employment agreement. The Clawback Policy specifies that to the extent compensation is recovered from an individual as a result of a financial restatement such amounts will be excluded from "Recoverable Compensation."

As supplemented, the Clawback Policy also provides in the event the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement of its financial statements due to the Company's material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the federal securities laws, the Board shall require prompt reimbursement or forfeiture of any excess Incentive-Based Compensation, as defined in the Supplemental Clawback Policy, received by a Company executive during the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date on which the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement, in addition to any transition period (that results from any change in the Company's fiscal year) within or immediately following such three completed fiscal years.

Recoupment and clawback provisions are included in all equity awards and performance compensation plan agreements for certain participants, and these provisions will be added to all new non-base compensation awards. The Clawback Policy does not prevent us from taking other actions as appropriate, if warranted, based on the misconduct outlined above.

A clickable link to the Clawback Policy, including the 2023 Supplement, is located at Exhibits 97.1 and 97.2 in the Exhibit Index to our 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K on file with the SEC.

During fiscal 2024, there was no financial restatement which would have required action under the Clawback Policy to recover any Recoverable Compensation, and at the end of fiscal 2023 there was no outstanding balance of Recoverable Compensation resulting from a financial restatement in any prior year.

# 2024 SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table contains compensation information for fiscal 2024 and the preceding two fiscal years for all services rendered in all capacities to the Company and its subsidiaries by the executive officers. Because Mr. Sayler became an executive officer during 2023, under SEC regulations 2023 was the first year for which his compensation was required to be reported.

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary	Bonus	Sto	ock Awards <sup>1</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan ompensation <sup>2</sup>	Change in Pension Value & Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings		All Other Compensation <sup>3</sup>	Total
Bryan H. Sayler Chief Executive Officer and President	2024 2023 N/A	\$ 755,000 621,125 <sup>4</sup> —	\$ 0 0 —	\$	1,651,551 1,492,717 —	\$ 674,819 947,375 —	\$ 0 0 —	97	\$ 30,690 586,424 —	\$ 3,112,060 3,647,641 —
Christopher L. Tucker Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2024 2023 2022	\$ 598,500 570,000 522,000	\$ 0 0 0	\$	654,600 845,059 730,600	\$ 347,688 410,300 549,840	\$0 0 0	ş	\$26,995 113,274 52,103	\$ 1,627,783 1,938,633 1,854,543
David M. Schatz Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2024 2023 2022	\$ 405,800 394,000 357,000	\$ 0 0 0	\$	333,039 308,530 356,259	\$ 181,352 193,600 241,740	\$0 0 0	5	\$ 31,009 33,342 48,210	\$ 951,200 929,472 1,003,209

1 Represents the aggregate grant date fair values of equity-based awards based on the fair market value of the underlying Common Stock on the respective grant dates as calculated in accordance with applicable accounting rules. Such amounts do not represent the actual value that will be realized by the executive officers at the time of distribution. Awards shown are grants of time-vested RSUs and performance-based PSUs to Mr. Sayler, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Schatz. For more information, see *Principal Elements of Compensation – Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, and *Grants of Plan-Based Awards*, below.

2 Reflects the performance-based cash awards earned for the fiscal year indicated under the PCP. These awards were paid out in the following fiscal year. For more information, see *Principal Elements of Compensation – Cash Incentive Plans* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, and *Grants of Plan-Based Awards*, below.

3 Comprised of the amounts provided in the table below:

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Defined Contribution vings Plan Company Contributions <sup>a</sup>	Pur	Employee Stock chase Plan Company Contributions <sup>b</sup>	Perquisites and Other <sup>c</sup>	Total
Bryan H. Sayler	2024	\$ 13,800	\$	0	\$ 16,890	\$ 30,690
Chief Executive Officer and	2023	14,954		1,648	569,822	586,424
President	N/A	-		-	—	-
Christopher L. Tucker	2024	\$ 13,800	\$	5,979	\$ 7,216	\$ 26,995
Senior Vice President and Chief	2023	13,200		5,691	94,383	113,274
Financial Officer	2022	12,200		5,217	34,686	52,103
David M. Schatz	2024	\$ 12,123	\$	6,008	\$ 12,878	\$ 31,009
Senior Vice President, General	2023	13,281		6,350	13,711	33,342
Counsel and Secretary	2022	12,497		3,567	32,146	48,210

a See Defined Contribution Plan on page 39.

b The Company matches 20% of employees' contributions to its Employee Stock Purchase plan.

c Includes car allowance, financial planning, and premiums for group variable universal life (GVUL) insurance which the Company offers to a number of senior managers at ESCO and its participating subsidiaries. Mr. Sayler's figure for 2023 includes compensation of \$538,495 for reimbursement of moving expenses related to his transition to CEO, and a country club initiation fee which the Company had agreed to pay at the time Mr. Sayler commenced his employment. Mr. Tucker's figure for 2023 includes \$88,000 as the personal portion of a country club initiation fee which the Company had agreed to pay at the time Mr. Tucker commenced his employment. For more information, see *Other Compensation Elements – Perquisites* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section.

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4 Upon becoming an executive officer Mr. Sayler, who was previously a management official of the Company, received an increase in his annualized salary from \$339,500 to \$715,000, prorated based on his days of service in each position.

# 2024 GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

The following table provides information for fiscal 2024 for the executive officers regarding cash incentive awards under our PCP and awards of RSUs and PSUs under the 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan. See *Principal Elements of Compensation – Cash Incentive Plans* and *Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section.

		Estimated f non-equity in		Estimated future payouts under equity incentive plan awards <sup>2</sup>			awards: Number of Number securities		Exercise or base price of	Grant date fair value of stock	
Name	Grant date	Threshold (0.3x Target)	Target	Maximum (2.0X Target)	Threshold (0.5x Target)	Target	Maximum (2.0x Target)	of shares of stock <sup>3</sup>	underlying options	option awards	and option awards⁴
Bryan H.	11/14/2023	\$ 226,500	\$ 755,000	\$1,510,000	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Sayler	11/14/2023	_	_	_	3,814	7,627	15,254	—	_	_	\$ 847,817
	11/14/2023	-	_	-	-	-	_	7,627	-	_	803,733
Christopher	11/14/2023	\$ 116,700	\$ 389,000	\$ 778,000	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
L. Tucker	11/14/2023	_	_	_	1,512	3,023	6,046	_	_	_	\$ 336,037
	11/14/2023	-	-	-	-	_	_	3,023	-	_	318,564
David M.	11/14/2023	\$ 60,870	\$ 202,900	\$ 405,800	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Schatz	11/14/2023	-	_	_	769	1,538	3,076	_	—	_	\$ 170,964
	11/14/2023	_	_	_	-	_	_	1,538	—	_	162,074

1 Represent the threshold, target and maximum cash incentive opportunities awarded for fiscal 2024 under the PCP. If performance according to a specific performance measure is less than that necessary to achieve the threshold payout, the payout will be zero for that measure. Actual amounts earned were based on fiscal 2024 results and are reported in the column captioned Non Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table; these amounts were paid out in fiscal 2025. For more information, see Principal Elements of Compensation – Cash Incentive Plans in the Compensation and Analysis section.

- 2 Represent the threshold, target and maximum equity incentive opportunities for the PSUs awarded for fiscal 2024 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Compensation program. If performance according to a specific performance measure is less than that necessary to achieve the threshold payout, the payout will be zero for that measure. The actual incentive payout will be in shares of common stock based on Company performance over a three-year performance period. For more information, see *Principal Elements of Compensation Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section.
- 3 These consist of time-vested RSUs vesting in three equal portions approximately 12, 24 and 36 months after the month in which they are granted. For more information, see *Principal Elements of Compensation Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section.

4 Based on the fair market value on the grant date of a number of shares of common stock equal to the number of RSUs, or in the case of PSUs, the number of shares corresponding to the Target payout, as calculated in accordance with applicable accounting rules. Such amounts do not represent the actual value that will be realized by the executive officers at the time of distribution.

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# **OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL 2024 YEAR-END**

The following table provides information as of the end of fiscal 2024 for our executive officers regarding outstanding equity awards, consisting of unvested RSUs and unvested PSUs. As of the end of fiscal 2024, no executive officer had any outstanding stock option awards, either exercisable or unexercisable.

				Stock Awards								
Name	Type of award	Grant date	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested <sup>1</sup>	of shares or units of of sha stock that have not stock		Number of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested <sup>3</sup>		Market value of unearned shares, units or other rights that have not vested <sup>2</sup>				
Bryan H. Sayler	RSU	4/30/2021	1,582	\$	204,046							
	PSU	11/17/2021				1,089	\$	140,459 <sup>3</sup>				
	RSU	5/5/2022	2,805		361,789							
	PSU	11/16/2022				4,118		531,140 <sup>3</sup>				
	RSU	5/2/2023	7,489		965,931			2,996 <sup>4</sup>				
	PSU	11/14/2023				3,814		492,845 <sup>3,4</sup>				
	RSU	11/14/2023	7,627		983,730			1,830 <sup>4</sup>				
Christopher L. Tucker	RSU	4/30/2021	3,132	\$	403,965							
	PSU	11/17/2021				1,995	\$	257,315 <sup>3</sup>				
	RSU	5/5/2022	4,880		629,422							
	PSU	11/16/2022				1,642		211,785 <sup>3</sup>				
	RSU	2/3/2023	2,507		323,353			1,230 <sup>4</sup>				
	RSU	5/2/2023	2,985		385,005			1,194 <sup>4</sup>				
	PSU	11/14/2023				1,512		195,381 <sup>3,4</sup>				
	RSU	11/14/2023	3,023		389,907			726 <sup>4</sup>				
David M. Schatz	RSU	4/30/2021	1,519	\$	195,921							
	PSU	11/17/2021				972	\$	125,369 <sup>3</sup>				
	RSU	5/5/2022	2,384		307,488							
	PSU	11/16/2022				851		109,762 <sup>3</sup>				
	RSU	5/2/2023	1,548		199,661			619 <sup>4</sup>				
	PSU	11/14/2023				769		99,370 <sup>3,4</sup>				
	RSU	11/14/2023	1,538		198,371			369 <sup>4</sup>				

1 Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Company common stock if the recipient remains continuously employed by the Company until the vesting date. RSUs awarded prior to 2023 will vest in their entirety approximately 3½ years after the effective award date, except that Mr. Tucker's February 3, 2023 RSUs will vest on November 5, 2025. RSUs awarded in 2023 will vest in three equal tranches approximately 18, 30 and 42 months after the effective award date, on the last trading days in November of 2024, 2025 and 2026. RSUs awarded in 2024 will vest in three equal tranches approximately 12, 24 and 36 months after the effective award date, on the last trading days in November of 2024, 2025 and 2026. Vested shares will be issued to the participant (less a number of shares having a value equal to the amount of required tax withholdings) on the following business day.

2 Based on the NYSE closing price of the Company's common stock of \$128.98 on September 30, 2024, the last NYSE trading day of the Company's 2024 fiscal year.

3 Represents the number and value of the shares issuable if Company performance over the three-year performance period meets or exceeds the threshold required to earn a minimum non-zero payout for each of two performance components. However, because performance below either threshold will result in a zero payout for that component, the minimum payout is actually zero. The actual payout will not be determinable or estimable until after the close of the performance period. For more information, see *Principal Elements of Compensation – Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation* in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section.

4 Includes cash dividend equivalents accrued on RSUs awarded beginning in fiscal 2023 and on PSUs beginning in fiscal 2024. On each regular quarterly dividend date occurring from the award date to and including the vesting date, the Company accrues for the benefit of the recipient an amount equal to the cash dividend which would have been paid on a number of shares of Company common stock equal to (a) in the case of RSUs, the number of unconverted (unvested) RSUs, and (b) in the case of PSUs, the number of shares corresponding to the target payout. The amount accrued with respect to each vested portion of the award will be paid out in cash at the time that portion of the award is distributed in shares; but, if or to the extent the award does not vest, or is not earned, or for any other reason is not distributed, a like portion of the accrued amount will be canceled and not paid.

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# 2024 OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED

The following table sets forth information for our executive officers regarding their stock-based awards which vested during 2024. We have not awarded stock options to our executive officers since 2006, and no stock options were outstanding or were exercised during 2024.

	Stock Awards								
Executive Officer	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting <sup>1</sup>	Value Realized on Vesting <sup>2</sup>							
Bryan H. Sayler	3,347	\$	325,195						
David M. Schatz	2,008		195,097						

1 Shares of Common Stock underlying Performance-Accelerated Restricted Share Unit awards granted to Mr. Sayler and Mr. Schatz on May 1, 2020, which vested on November 1, 2023. A number of these shares were withheld in lieu of cash payment of applicable withholding taxes, and the remaining shares were distributed on November 2, 2023.

2 Fair market value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the vested awards, based on the NYSE closing price of \$97.16 on November 1, 2023, the value used by the Company for tax and accounting purposes.

# **PENSION BENEFITS**

#### **Defined Contribution Plan**

We have not maintained a defined benefit retirement plan since 2020. We offer an Employee Savings Investment Plan (Defined Contribution Plan), an employee benefit plan under section 401(k) of the Code, to substantially all United States employees including our executive officers. The Defined Contribution Plan provides for a Company cash match at a rate of 100% of the contributions by each employee up to 3% of the employee's eligible compensation, and 50% of any additional contributions by the employee up to 5% of the employee's eligible compensation, subject to Code contribution limits. The amounts of the Company's cash match for the accounts of the executive officers in fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 are listed in footnote (3) to the Summary Compensation Table, under the heading **Defined Contribution Savings Plan Company Contributions**.

# **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS**

We have written employment and compensation agreements with each of our executive officers. The agreements provide for a base salary, which is subject to annual review by the Compensation Committee but may not be decreased, and an annual cash incentive opportunity in accordance with our cash incentive program. The executive officers are entitled to participate in LTI awards and other compensation programs as determined by the Compensation Committee, as well as in all Company employee benefit programs applicable to senior executives, and the Company agrees to provide certain perquisites, including financial planning and outplacement assistance.

Mr. Tucker's and Mr. Schatz's agreements provided for initial terms of one year and 24 months, respectively, which have now elapsed. Mr. Sayler's agreement provides for an initial term of 24 months, which will elapse at the end of February 2025. The agreements provide that they will automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless a specified notice of non-renewal is given by the Company or the executive.

The agreements give each party certain termination rights, with post-termination compensation and benefits payable to the executive officer, if any, depending on the reasons for the termination, such as whether the termination is with or without Cause, as defined in the agreements. The following section, *Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control*, describes the compensation and benefits payable to the current executive officers upon termination of their employment for various reasons.

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The employment agreements prohibit the executives from disclosing confidential information or trade secrets concerning the Company, and for a period of two years from soliciting employees of the Company and from soliciting customers or distributors of the Company. The agreements also require the executive officers to provide limited consulting services on an as-requested basis following termination.

# POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL

#### Payments/Benefits Upon Change in Control

#### Severance Plan

We have established a Severance Plan covering the executive officers. Under the Plan, following an occurrence of a Change of Control as defined in the Severance Plan (see **Other Compensation Elements – Severance Plan** in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section), each of the executive officers will be entitled to be employed by the Company for a period of three years following the Change of Control, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Severance Plan. During this employment period the executive officer will: (i) be paid a minimum base salary equal to his or her base salary prior to the Change of Control, (ii) be paid a minimum annual bonus equal to the latest target cash incentive opportunity approved by the Compensation Committee prior to the effective date of the Change of Control (the "Current Cash Incentive Target"), (iii) continue to receive the employee benefits to which he or she was entitled prior to the Change of Control, and (iv) receive annually the value (determined as described under **Incentive Plan Awards** below) of the last LTI awards issued to him or her prior to the Change of Control, which value may be paid either in cash or in publicly traded stock of the entity which acquired the Company in the Change of Control.

If we terminate the executive officer's employment during this three-year employment period other than for death, disability or Cause as defined in the Severance Plan, or if the executive officer terminates his or her employment during the employment period following certain specified actions by us (Good Reason), such as materially failing to comply with the provisions of the Severance Plan, a material diminution in his or her authority, duties or responsibilities or base salary, or requiring him or her to relocate, he or she will be entitled to receive, among other things, a cash lump sum equal to the aggregate of (i) any unpaid current base salary, (ii) a bonus equal to the Current Cash Incentive Target, prorated for a partial year, and (iii) an amount calculated by multiplying two times the sum of the current annual base salary and the Current Cash Incentive Target. In addition, he or she will receive the continuation of his or her employee benefits for two years.

We may amend the Severance Plan, but no amendment adverse to the rights of an executive officer will be effective unless we have given the executive officer notice of the amendment at least one year before a Change of Control occurs.

#### Long-Term Incentive Plan Awards

The terms of our RSU and PSU awards in effect at September 30, 2024 provide that upon a Change of Control (defined in the awards substantially the same as in the Severance Plan) the awards will be assumed by the acquirer or successor entity and converted to an equivalent agreement. If for any reason the awards will not or cannot be assumed, they will be paid out in cash.

#### Payments/Benefits Upon Death or Disability

If the executive officer's employment were to be terminated because of death or disability, under the executive officer's employment agreement with the Company the executive officer (or his or her beneficiaries) would receive benefits under the Company's disability plan or the Company's life insurance plans, as applicable.

With respect to RSU and PSU awards in effect at September 30, 2024, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, make full, pro-rata, or no share distributions, as it may determine, to an executive officer in the event of disability, or to the executive officer's surviving spouse or beneficiary in the event of death.

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#### Payments/Benefits Upon Termination by the Employee With Good Reason or by the Company Without Cause

The executive officers' employment agreements provide that if we were to terminate the executive officer's employment prior to a Change of Control other than for cause, death or disability or if the executive officer were to resign following certain actions by us defined in the agreements as "Good Reason," including our materially failing to comply with the agreement, materially reducing the executive's responsibilities or requiring the executive to relocate, we would be required to continue to pay the executive officer's base salary and cash incentive for two years following termination; however, the executive officer could elect to receive each of these payments in a lump sum on or about March 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the termination occurs. In addition, certain employee benefits would continue after the termination, the executive officer's accelerated but unvested RSU and PSU awards would become fully vested and the underlying shares would be distributed, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Omnibus Plan. These payments and benefits would be conditioned upon the executive officer not soliciting our employees, customers or distributors for a period of two years after termination. In addition, the executive officer would be required to execute our standard severance agreement and release.

#### Payments/Benefits Upon Termination by the Employee Without Good Reason

If the executive officer were to resign without Good Reason, the executive officer would not be entitled to payment of continued compensation or benefits, and all outstanding RSU and PSU awards would be forfeited.

#### Payments/Benefits Upon Termination by the Company for Cause

If we were to terminate the executive officer's employment for Cause, under the employment agreement the executive officer would not be entitled to payment of continued compensation or benefits, and all outstanding RSU and PSU awards would be forfeited.

#### Incremental Compensation in the Event of Termination as a Result of Certain Events

The following tables reflect the additional compensation and benefits to be provided to the executive officers in the event of a termination of employment at, following, or in connection with a Change of Control or for the other listed reasons. The amounts shown assume that the termination was effective as of the close of business on September 30, 2024, the end of our 2024 fiscal year. No PSU awards were earned or vested as of September 30, 2024. The actual amounts to be paid would be determinable only at the time of the actual termination of employment.

#### Bryan H. Sayler

Pay Element	Ch	ange in Control	Death	Disability	Termination by Employee for od Reason or by mployer Without Cause	Termination by Employee Without Good Reason	Termination by Employer for Cause
Cash Compensation:							
Base salary	\$	0	\$ 0	\$188,750 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,510,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cash incentive		755,000 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	2,265,0004	0	0
Severance payment		3,020,000⁵	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Compensation	\$	3,775,000	\$ 0	\$ 188,750	\$ 3,775,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards:							
RSUs and PSUs		4,714,8006	0	0	0	0	0
Total Awards	\$	4,714,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Direct Compensation	\$	8,489,800	\$ 0	\$ 188,750	\$ 3,775,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Benefits: <sup>7</sup>							
Broad-based benefits	\$	64,770	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,269	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pension benefits		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other executive benefits/perquisites		16,000	0	0	28,000	0	0
Total Benefits	\$	80,770	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 35,269	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Incremental Compensation	\$	8,570,570	\$ 0	\$ 188,750	\$ 3,810,269	\$ 0	\$ 0

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# Christopher L. Tucker

Pay Element	Cha	ange in Control	Death	Disability	Termination by Employee for Good Reason or by Employer Without Cause		Termination by Employee Without Good Reason	Termination by Employer for Cause
Cash Compensation:								
Base salary	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 149,625 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,197,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$	0	\$ 0
Cash incentive		389,000 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	1,167,000 <sup>4</sup>		0	0
Severance payment		1,975,000 <sup>5</sup>	 0	 0	 0		0	 0
Total Cash Compensation	\$	2,364,000	\$ 0	\$ 149,625	\$ 2,364,000	\$	0	\$ 0
Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards:								
RSUs and PSUs		3,368,540 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0		0	0
Total Awards	\$	3,368,540	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 0
Total Direct Compensation	\$	5,732,540	\$ 0	\$ 149,625	\$ 2,364,000	\$	0	\$ 0
Benefits: <sup>7</sup>								
Broad-based benefits	\$	84,038	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,182	\$	0	\$ 0
Pension benefits		0	0	0	0		0	0
Other executive benefits/perquisites		12,000	 0	 0	 26,000	_	0	 0
Total Benefits	\$	96,038	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 37,182	\$	0	\$ 0
Total Incremental Compensation	\$	5,828,578	\$ 0	\$ 149,625	\$ 2,401,182	\$	0	\$ 0

# David M. Schatz

Pay Element	Chai	nge in Control	Death	Disability	Termination by Employee for Good Reason or by Employer Without Cause	Termination by Employee Without Good Reason	Termination by Employer for Cause
Cash Compensation:							
Base salary	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 101,450 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 811,600 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cash incentive		202,900 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	608,700 <sup>4</sup>	0	0
Severance payment		1,217,400 <sup>5</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Compensation	\$	1,420,300	\$ 0	\$ 101,450	\$ 1,420,300	\$ 0	\$ 0
Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards:							
RSUs and PSUs		1,528,608 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Total Awards	\$	1,528,608	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Direct Compensation	\$	2,948,908	\$ 0	\$ 101,450	\$ 1,420,300	\$ 0	\$ 0
Benefits: <sup>7</sup>							
Broad-based benefits	\$	87,396	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,182	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pension benefits		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other executive benefits/		12,000	0	0	26,000	0	0
perquisites	\$	99,396	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 37,182	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Benefits							
Section 280G Reduction <sup>8</sup>	\$	(32,588)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Incremental Compensation After Reduction	\$	3,015,716	\$ 0	\$ 101,450	\$ 1,457,482	\$ 0	\$ 0

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- 1 Represents three months' base salary, which we have the discretion to provide to the executive officers in order to cover the waiting period under our group long-term disability insurance policy.
- 2 As calculated under the terms of the executive officer's employment agreement. The amount shown represents the annual base salary in effect at September 30, 2024 multiplied by two.
- 3 As calculated under the terms of the Severance Plan. The amount shown is in lieu of any annual cash incentive for fiscal 2024 which would have otherwise been paid except for the termination.
- 4 As calculated under the terms of the executive officer's employment agreement.
- 5 As calculated under the terms of the Severance Plan.
- 6 Represents the value of shares that would be distributed upon the occurrence of a change in control and in the event the awards are not assumed by the successor company, based on the average NYSE closing price of our common stock of \$125.58 for the ten trading days preceding and including September 30, 2024, the last trading day of our 2024 fiscal year, pursuant to the Severance Plan and the award agreements. These amounts would become payable to the executive officer even if the officer's employment were not terminated in connection with the change in control. See *Payments/Benefits Upon Change in Control Long-Term Incentive Plan Awards* on page 40.
- 7 The amounts shown represent the projected cost to continue benefits in accordance with the executive officer's employment agreement and the provisions of the Severance Plan. Included in Total Benefits are broad-based benefits (health insurance, life and disability premiums) and financial planning. In the case of "Termination by Employee for Good Reason or by Employer Without Cause," Total Benefits also include an estimated outplacement fee of \$20,000.
- 8 Under Internal Revenue Code Section 280G, certain payments made to an executive officer in the event of a Change in Control are subject to a "golden parachute" excise tax under Code section 4999. The Severance Plan provides that if any compensation paid to the executive officer upon a Change in Control causes this excise tax to be imposed, the compensation would be reduced if and to the extent that the reduction would create a more favorable net-after-tax benefit to the executive officer. Based on the calculations prescribed under section 280G as applied to the amounts shown in the table, the executive officer would be subject to this excise tax in the event of a Change in Control, and therefore the officer's compensation would be reduced by the amount shown.

# PAY RATIO DISCLOSURE

#### **CEO** Pay Ratio

Pursuant to Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the implementing regulations of the SEC, we are providing the following information about the relationship between the total annual compensation of our CEO, Mr. Sayler, and the median total annual compensation of our employees.

As reported in the Summary Compensation Table on page 36, Mr. Sayler's 2024 total annual compensation was \$3,112,060. The 2024 median total annual compensation of all of our employees who were employed as of August 1, 2024 (the Determination Date), other than Mr. Sayler, was \$72,806, resulting in a pay ratio of 43:1.

#### **Calculation Methodology**

As of the Determination Date, our total worldwide employee population consisted of 3,260 employees, excluding the CEO. This included all full-time, part-time and temporary employees as well as employees on leaves of absence. Although the SEC regulations permit companies to exclude a limited number of non-U.S. employees, we did not use this exclusion.

The SEC regulations require the identification of the median compensated employee using a "Consistently Applied Compensation Measure" (CACM). The CACM used consisted of base salary or wages, overtime, target bonus and commissions as of the Determination Date. This compensation was annualized to cover the full 2024 fiscal year, as was the compensation of new hires. For international employees, their compensation was converted to U.S. dollars using the applicable foreign exchange rate as of the Determination Date.

After identifying the median compensated employee, that employee's total annual compensation was calculated consistent with the methodology used for determining the CEO's total annual compensation for the Summary Compensation Table.

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The pay ratio reported above is our reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with SEC regulations and the methodology described above. However, the SEC rules for identifying the median compensated employee and calculating the pay ratio allow companies to adopt a variety of methodologies, to apply exclusions, and to make reasonable estimates and assumptions that reflect their compensation practices and employee populations. Other companies may calculate their pay ratio using a methodology or estimates and assumptions which differ from those we used. Therefore, the pay ratio reported above may not be comparable to the pay ratio reported by other companies, including those in our peer group.

# PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE

#### Overview

In accordance with the "Pay Versus Performance" rules adopted by the SEC pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we are providing the following information about the relationship between compensation actually paid to our executive officers and certain Company financial performance metrics for the fiscal years listed below using a methodology that has been prescribed by the SEC.

							Value of Initi \$100 Inves Based 0	tment		
Fiscal Year	Summary Compensation Table Total for First PEO <sup>1</sup>	Summary Compensation Table Total for Second PEO <sup>2</sup>	Compensation Actually Paid to First PEO <sup>1,4</sup>	Compensation Actually Paid to Second PEO <sup>2,4</sup>	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs <sup>3</sup>	Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs <sup>3,4</sup>	Total Shareholder Return (TSR)	Peer Group TSR <sup>5</sup>	Company Net Income	Adjusted Earnings per Share (Adjusted EPS) <sup>6</sup>
2024	\$3,112,060	N/A	\$ 4,065,021	N/A	\$ 1,289,492	\$ 1,874,523	\$ 162.23	\$ 220.60	\$ 101,881,000	\$ 4.18
2023	\$3,647,641	\$2,677,153	\$ 4,225,234	\$2,306,171	\$ 1,434,053	\$ 1,862,816	\$ 130.97	\$ 164.32	\$ 92,545,000	\$ 3.70
2022	N/A	\$5,452,715	N/A	\$5,361,519	\$ 1,428,876	\$ 1,405,968	\$ 91.77	\$ 126.99	\$ 82,320,000	\$ 3.21
2021	N/A	\$4,161,742	N/A	\$3,230,464	\$ 1,039,962	\$ 1,215,051	\$ 95.91	\$ 146.65	\$ 63,496,000	\$ 2.59

1 Bryan H. Sayler has served as the Company's PEO (Principal Executive Officer) since the second quarter of fiscal 2023.

2 Victor L. Richey served as the Company's PEO during fiscal 2021, fiscal 2022 and the first quarter of fiscal 2023.

- 3 The Company's non-PEO executive officers for fiscal 2022 through 2024 were Christopher L. Tucker, Senior VP & CFO, and David M. Schatz, Senior VP, General Counsel & Secretary. In fiscal 2021, Mr. Tucker succeeded Gary E. Muenster as an executive officer, and Mr. Schatz succeeded Alyson S. Barclay as an executive officer. Accordingly, there were two persons serving as non-PEO executive officers at all times during these years.
- 4 The following amounts were deducted from or added to Summary Compensation Table total compensation in accordance with the SEC-mandated adjustments to calculate Compensation Actually Paid to our principal executive officer (PEO) and the average Compensation Actually Paid to our non-PEO executive officers. The fair value of equity awards was determined using methodologies and assumptions developed in a manner substantively consistent with those used to determine the grant date fair value of such awards. In calculating the year-end fair values of equity awards, the assumptions made did not differ materially from the assumptions made in calculating the grant date fair values of such awards.

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# Adjustments to Determine Compensation Actually Paid to Current CEO (PEO 1)

Current CEO	2021	2022	2023	2024
SCT Total Compensation	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,647,641 \$	3,112,060
Less Equity Award Values Reported in SCT	_	_	(1,492,717)	(1,651,551)
Plus Fair Value at Fiscal Year-End of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	_	_	1,700,271	2,006,282
Change in Fair Value of Outstanding and Unvested StockAwards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years	_	_	325,125	622,595
Plus Fair Value at Vesting of Stock Awards Granted in Fiscal Year That Vested During Fiscal Year	_	_	0	0
Plus Change in Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years For Which Applicable Vesting Conditions Were Satisfied During Fiscal Year	_	_	44,914	(24,366)
Less Fair Value as of Prior Fiscal Year-End of Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years That Failed to Meet Applicable Vesting Conditions During Fiscal Year	_	_	0	0
Plus Dividends or Other Earnings Paid on Stock Awards in the Fiscal Year Prior to the Vesting Date that are not otherwise included in the Total Compensation for the Fiscal Year	_	_	0	0
Compensation Actually Paid (CAP)	N/A	N/A	\$ 4,225,234 \$	4,065,021

# Adjustments to Determine Compensation Actually Paid to Former CEO (PEO 2)

Former CEO	2021	2022	2023	2024
SCT Total Compensation	\$ 4,161,742	\$ 5,452,715	\$ 2,677,153	N/A
Less Equity Award Values Reported in SCT	(2,462,845)	(2,963,694)	(1,499,967)	_
Plus Fair Value at Fiscal Year-End of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	1,714,174	2,813,301	0	
Change in Fair Value of Outstanding and Unvested StockAwards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years	(182,607)	(159,075)	338,042	_
Plus Fair Value at Vesting of Stock Awards Granted in Fiscal Year That Vested During Fiscal Year	0	0	1,786,685	_
Change in Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years For Which Applicable Vesting Conditions Were Satisfied During Fiscal Year	0	218,272	1,015,817	_
Less Fair Value as of Prior Fiscal Year-End of Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years That Failed to Meet Applicable Vesting Conditions During Fiscal Year	0	0	(2,011,558)	_
Plus Dividends or Other Earnings Paid on Stock Awards in the Fiscal Year Prior to the Vesting Date that are not otherwise included in the Total Compensation for the Fiscal Year	0	0	0	_
Compensation Actually Paid (CAP)	\$ 3,230,464	\$ 5,361,519	\$ 2,306,171	N/A

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#### Adjustments to Determine Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs

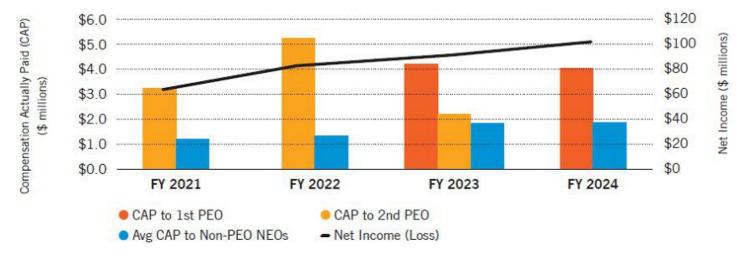
Average Compensation	2021	2022	2023	2024
SCT Total Compensation	\$ 1,039,962	\$ 1,428,876	\$ 1,434,053	\$ 1,289,492
Less Equity Award Values Reported in SCT	(257,270)	(543,430)	(576,795)	(493,819)
Plus Fair Value at Fiscal Year-End of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	179,064	517,034	645,518	599,886
Change in Fair Value of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years	(23,168)	(15,413)	332,101	493,583
Plus Fair Value at Vesting of Stock Awards Granted in Fiscal Year That Vested During Fiscal Year	0	0	0	0
Plus Change in Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years For Which Applicable Vesting Conditions Were Satisfied During Fiscal Year	276,464	18,900	27,940	(14,618)
Less Fair Value as of Prior Fiscal Year-End of Stock Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years That Failed to Meet Applicable Vesting Conditions During Fiscal Year	0	0	0	0
Plus Dividends or Other Earnings Paid on Stock Awards in the Fiscal Year Prior to the Vesting Date that are not otherwise included in the Total Compensation for the Fiscal Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Compensation Actually Paid (CAP)	\$ 1,215,051	\$ 1,405,968	\$ 1,862,816	\$ 1,874,523

5 The Peer Group TSR set forth in this table utilizes the S&P SmallCap 600 Industrials Index, which we also utilize in the stock performance graph required by Item 201(e) of Regulation S-K included in our Annual Report for the year ended September 30, 2024. The comparison assumes \$100 was invested for the period starting September 30, 2020 through the last day of the subsequent fiscal years, in the Company and in the S&P SmallCap 600 Industrials Index, respectively. Historical stock performance is not necessarily indicative of future stock performance.

6 We determined Adjusted EPS to be the most important financial performance measure used to link Company performance to Compensation Actually Paid to our PEO and the other executive officers in 2024, as it was in 2023. Fiscal 2024 Adjusted EPS of \$4.18 equaled GAAP diluted EPS of \$3.94 excluding \$0.24 per share of after-tax charges, as described in the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* section of this Proxy Statement. This performance measure may not have been the most important financial performance measure for one or more of fiscal years 2021 through 2022 and we may determine a different financial performance measure to be the most important financial performance measure in future years.

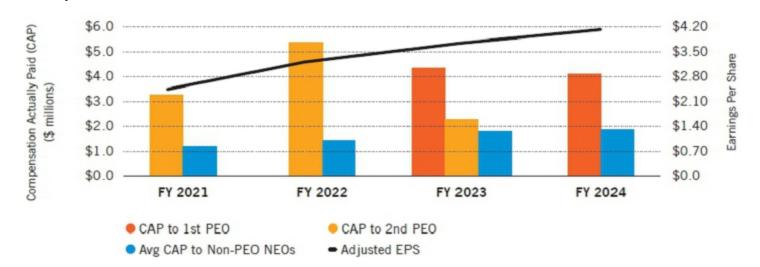
## **Pay Versus Performance Relationships**

### CAP vs. Net Income (Loss)

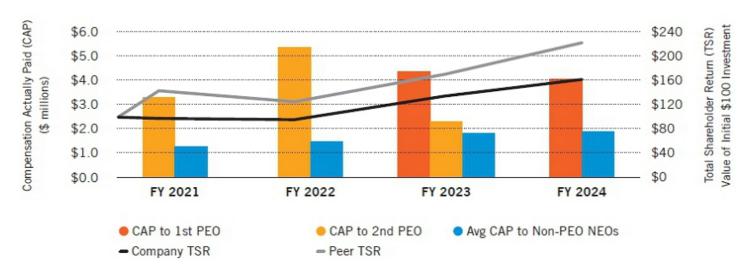


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## CAP vs. Adjusted EPS



CAP vs. TSR



# **Tabular List of Most Important Financial Performance Measures**

The following table presents the financial performance measures that the Company considers to have been the most important in linking 2024 Compensation Actually Paid to our PEO and the non-PEO NEOs to Company performance, due to their use in the PCP and the PSU awards. More information about each of these measures, including why the Company uses these measures and how they are calculated with respect to applicable compensation plans, is included in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement. The measures in this table are not ranked.

Adjusted EPS	
Adjusted Cash Flow from Operating Activities	
EBITDA	
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	
Total Shareholder Return (TSR)	

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# Proposal 3: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this Proposal.

The Audit Committee has appointed Grant Thornton LLP (Grant Thornton), an independent registered public accounting firm, as our independent public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. We first retained Grant Thornton to audit our consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2022.

Although we are not required to submit the appointment of Grant Thornton to a vote of the shareholders, our Board of Directors believes it is appropriate to request that the shareholders ratify the appointment. If the shareholders do not ratify this appointment by a majority of shares voting at the meeting, the Committee will investigate the reasons for the rejection and will reconsider the appointment. A representative of Grant Thornton is expected to be present at the Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and be available to respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

# PRE-APPROVAL OF AUDIT AND PERMITTED NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The Audit Committee has adopted pre-approval policies and procedures requiring the Committee to pre approve all audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. In accordance with this policy, the Committee has pre-approved and has set specific quarterly limitations on fees for the following categories of services: general accounting and SEC consultation, compliance with pertinent legislation, general taxation matters and tax returns. Services which have not received specific pre-approval by the Committee must receive such approval prior to the rendering of the services.

# AUDITOR FEES AND SERVICES

We have incurred the following fees to Grant Thornton, our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2023, for services rendered for each of those years, respectively. All of these fees were pre approved by the Audit Committee.

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- 1 Audit Fees primarily represent amounts paid for the audit of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report to Shareholders, reviews of the quarterly financial statements included in our SEC Forms 10-Q, the performance of statutory audits for certain of our foreign subsidiaries, and services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings for those fiscal years, including expressing an opinion on our internal control over financial reporting.
- 2 Audit-Related Fees represent amounts paid for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of financial statements and which are not included in Audit Fees above.
- 3 Tax Fees represent amounts paid for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning services.
- 4 All Other Fees includes amounts paid for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the audit.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit and Finance Committee oversees and monitors the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the Company's system of internal controls. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Committee reviewed and discussed with management the audited financial statements to be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2024, including a discussion of the quality and the acceptability of the Company's financial reporting practices and the internal controls over financial reporting.

The Committee reviewed with Grant Thornton, the independent registered public accounting firm which is responsible for expressing opinions on the conformity of those audited financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting, its judgments as to the quality and the acceptability of the Company's financial reporting and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the Committee under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, the Committee discussed with Grant Thornton its independence from management and the Company, including the impact of any non-audit-related services provided to the Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the SEC regarding the independent accountants' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and the other matters required by the PCAOB's Auditing Standards.

Further, the Committee discussed with both the Company's internal audit executive and Grant Thornton the overall scope and plans for their respective fiscal 2024 audits. The Committee met periodically with the Company's internal audit executive and representatives of Grant Thornton, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their respective examinations, their respective evaluations of the Company's internal controls (including internal controls over financial reporting), and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 filed with the SEC.

The Committee also appointed Grant Thornton as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2025.

#### The Audit And Finance Committee

Patrick M. Dewar, Chair David A. Campbell Janice L. Hess Vinod M. Khilnani

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# Other Information

# SECURITIES OWNERSHIP OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the number of shares beneficially owned by our directors and executive officers as of November 27, 2024, the record date for the Meeting. For purposes of this table and the following table, the "beneficial ownership" of shares means the power, either alone or shared with one or more other persons, to vote or direct the voting of the shares, and/or to dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares, and includes any shares with respect to which the named person had the right to acquire beneficial ownership within the next 60 days. Unless otherwise noted, each person had the sole voting and dispositive power over the shares listed.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Outstanding Shares <sup>1</sup>
David A. Campbell	916 <sup>2</sup>	3
Penelope M. Conner	704 <sup>2</sup>	3
Patrick M. Dewar	20,762 <sup>2</sup>	3
Janice L. Hess	7,173 <sup>2</sup>	3
Vinod M. Khilnani	23,684 <sup>2</sup>	3
Leon J. Olivier	37,019 <sup>2</sup>	3
Robert J. Phillippy	29,237 <sup>2</sup>	3
Bryan H. Sayler	17,441 <sup>4</sup>	3
David M. Schatz	21,003 <sup>4</sup>	3
Christopher L. Tucker	9,499 <sup>4</sup>	3
Gloria L. Valdez	9,622 <sup>2</sup>	3
All directors and executive officers as a group (11 persons)	177,024	0.7%

1 Based on 25,793,175 shares outstanding as of November 27, 2024, the record date for the Meeting.

2 Includes approximately 916, 704, 20,762, 7,173, 1,737, 37,019, 20,755 and 9,622 common stock equivalents credited to the deferred compensation accounts of Mr. Campbell, Ms. Conner, Mr. Dewar, Ms. Hess, Mr. Khilnani, Mr. Olivier, Mr. Phillippy and Ms. Valdez, respectively, under the Compensation Plan for Non Employee Directors. See *Director Compensation* beginning on page 20. Stock equivalents have been rounded to the nearest whole share.

3 Less than 0.2%.

4 Includes shares held in our Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Does not include 24,147, 15,172 and 6,452 unvested RSU award units held by Mr. Sayler, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Schatz, respectively, and a currently indeterminate number of shares issuable upon vesting of unvested PSUs held by the executive officers, as described under Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation on page 31.

# SECURITIES OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to each person known by us as of the dates set forth in the footnotes below to be deemed, pursuant to applicable SEC regulations, to beneficially own more than five percent of our outstanding shares. For this purpose, beneficial ownership of shares is determined in accordance with SEC Rule 13d-3 and includes sole or shared voting and/or dispositive power with respect to such shares.

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Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Outstanding Shares <sup>1</sup>
BlackRock, Inc 50 Hudson Yards, New York, NY 10001	3,972,329 <sup>2</sup>	15.4%
Vanguard Group, Inc. PO Box 2600, V26, Valley Forge, PA 19482	2,875,227 <sup>3</sup>	11.1%
Dimensional Fund Advisors, LP 6300 Bee Cave Road, Building One, Austin, TX 78746	1,348,098 <sup>4</sup>	5.2%

Based on 25,793,175 shares outstanding as of November 27, 2024, the record date for the Meeting.

- 2 Based on information contained in a Form 13F filed with the SEC on November 13, 2024 by BlackRock Inc., which reported that as of September 30, 2024 it and its affiliated investment management companies had sole dispositive power over 3,972,103 of these shares and sole voting power over 3,923,144 of these shares. Although BlackRock Inc. states that it is the parent holding company of certain institutional investment managers and that it does not itself exercise and therefore disclaims investment discretion over any securities positions over which its investment operating subsidiaries exercise such discretion, for purposes of this Proxy Statement it is deemed to be a beneficial owner of these shares.
- 3 Based on information contained in a Form 13F filed with the SEC on November 13, 2024 by Vanguard Group, Inc., which reported that as of September 30, 2024 it and its affiliated investment management companies had sole dispositive power over 2,817,347 of these shares, shared dispositive power over 57,880 of these shares, and shared voting power over 31,610 of these shares. For purposes of this Proxy Statement it is deemed to be a beneficial owner of these shares.
- 4 Based on information contained in a Form 13F filed with the SEC on November 7, 2024 by Dimensional Fund Advisors, LP, which reported that as of September 30, 2024 it and its affiliated investment management companies had sole dispositive power over 1,286,799 of these shares, shared dispositive power over 61,299 of these shares, sole voting power over 1,246,560 of these shares, and shared voting power over 60,133 of these shares. Although Dimensional Fund Advisors has previously notified the Company that it expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of any of these shares, for purposes of this Proxy Statement it is deemed to be a beneficial owner of these shares.

# SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

SEC Rule 14a-19 provides, among other things, that a shareholder desiring to solicit proxies in support of one or more director nominees not nominated by the Company must provide notice of such intent containing the information required by the Rule and postmarked or transmitted electronically to the Company at its principal executive office no later than 60 calendar days prior to the anniversary of the previous year's Annual Meeting; for the Company's 2026 Annual Meeting this deadline will be December 6, 2025.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation require that in order for a shareholder of the Company to formally nominate an individual for election as a director or propose other business at an annual meeting of shareholders, written notice of the nomination or proposal must be given to the Company not less than 60 nor more than 90 days before the meeting; provided that if the Company gives less than 50 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting, then the shareholder must give such notice not later than ten days after notice of the meeting is mailed or other public disclosure of the meeting is made, whichever occurs first. We intend to give public notice of the date of our 2026 Annual Meeting in connection with the release of our financial results for fiscal 2025, which we expect will occur in mid-November of 2025.

The required advance notice must include certain additional information regarding both the proponent and any prospective nominee useful to the Company in evaluating and responding to the nomination or proposal, and as to proposals other than nominations, a full description of the proposal, including its text, and a description of any agreements or arrangements between the proponent and any other person in connection with the proposal, all as specified in detail in the Company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Any prospective director nominees must also complete a questionnaire regarding the background and qualifications of the proposed nominee and any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, and must represent in writing that the proposed nominee is not, and will not become, a party to any undisclosed voting commitments or compensation arrangements with respect to service as a director, and will comply with all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, conflict fully and stock ownership and stock trading policies and guidelines of the Company.

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The Board may reject any nominations or proposals that are not made in accordance with these procedures or that are not a proper subject for shareholder action in accordance with the provisions of applicable law. The foregoing time limits also apply in determining whether notice is timely for purposes of rules adopted by the SEC relating to the exercise of discretionary voting authority.

The above requirements are in addition to, and are separate from, the requirements of SEC Rule 14a-8 relating to the rights of shareholders to request inclusion of proposals in, or of the Company to omit proposals from, the Company's proxy statement. However, solely with respect to a proposal, other than the nomination of directors, that a shareholder proposes to bring before an annual meeting of shareholders, the notice requirements set forth in the Company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be deemed satisfied by the shareholder if the shareholder has submitted the proposal to the Company in compliance with Rule 14a-8 and the proposal has been included in the Company's proxy statement for the meeting.

Proposals of shareholders intended to be presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting must be received by the Company not later than August 18, 2025 (120 calendar days before the anniversary of the first mailing of these proxy materials), if the proponent wishes to have them included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8. Upon receipt of any such proposal, the Company will determine whether or not to include such proposal in the proxy statement and form of proxy in accordance with SEC regulations governing the solicitation of proxies.

In each case, the notice required to be given to the Company must be directed to the Secretary of the Company, whose address is 9900A Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124-1186. Any shareholder desiring a copy of the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws will be furnished one without charge upon written request to the Secretary.

Shareholders may also recommend director candidates to the Governance Committee for consideration as described under Governance Committee on page 16.

# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this Proxy Statement regarding future events that reflect or are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, projections or assumptions about the Company's management, performance and intentions are considered "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Federal securities laws. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to, statements about proposed or potential future actions, compensation or benefits under the Company's compensation plans, incentive plans, employee benefit plans or awards, employment, compensation or severance agreements, proposed or anticipated Board or management actions, policies and programs, future meeting or information release dates, and any other statements contained herein which are not strictly historical. Words such as expects, anticipates, targets, goals, projects, intends, plans, believes, variations of such words, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that such statements are only predictions and speak only as of the date of this Proxy Statement, and the Company undertakes no duty to update them except as may be required by applicable laws or regulations. The Company's actual results and actions in the future may differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements due to numerous risks and uncertainties that exist in the Company's operations and business environment, including but not limited to those described in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10 K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

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# PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2022 MERCER BENCHMARK DATABASE/TOTAL REMUNERATION SURVEY: EXECUTIVE

(See Compensation Consultant and Benchmarking on page 26)

24 Hour Fitness 3M Company 7-Eleven, Inc. 777 Partners LLC A. O. Smith Corporation AAA Auto Club Group AAA Northern California, Nevada and Utah ABB Abbott Laboratories Abbott Laboratories - Nutrition AbbVie. Inc. Abt Associates Accenture. Inc. ACCO Engineered Systems AccorHotels NA ACH Food Companies, Inc. ACTEGA North America Acumed Acushnet Holdings Corporation Adidas America, Inc. ADT. LLC Adtalem Global Education, Inc. Advance Auto Parts. Inc. Advanced Airfoil Components LLC AdvanSix, Inc. Adventist Health ADVICS North America, Inc. Advisor Group, Inc Aecon Construction Group Aero Snow Holdings AeroData Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc. Aflac, Inc. AFP AGC Biologics

Agero, Inc. AgFirst Farm Credit Bank Agilent Technologies, Inc. AGP GLASS USA Aaropur, Inc. AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation Ahold Delhaize - Ahold Delhaize USA, LLC Ahold Delhaize - Delhaize America Supply Chain Services Ahold Delhaize - Food Lion, LLC Ahold Delhaize - Giant of Maryland, LLC Ahold Delhaize - Hannaford Bros. Co., LLC Ahold Delhaize - Peapod Digital Labs, LLC Ahold Delhaize - Retail Business Services, LLC Ahold Delhaize - Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, LLC Ahold Delhaize - The GIANT Company, LLC AIPSO Air Methods Corporation AIT Worldwide Logistics Inc. Akima, LLC Akzo Nobel Coatings Inc. Akzo Nobel Services Inc Al Fakher Distribution USA, Inc. Alabama Farmers Cooperative Alaska Airlines, Inc. Alcon Aldo (US) AIEn USA, LLC Alex Lee, Inc. Alex Lee, Inc. - Merchants Distributors, LLC Alfasigma USA, Inc. Allegis Group

Alliance Data Systems Corporation AllianceRx Walgreens Prime Alliant Energy Corporation Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty Allied Solutions LLC Allina Health System Allina Health System - Mercy Hospital Allina Health System - St. Francis Regional Medical Center Allina Health System - United Hospital Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. Allnex USA, Inc. AlloSource Allot I td Ally Financial, Inc. Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Alorica Alstom Signaling, Inc. Alstom Transportation Holding Alstom Transportation, Inc. Alterra Mountain Company Alticor - Amway Altra Industrial Motion Corp. Altria Group, Inc. Altus Group US Inc. Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Am-Pat. Inc. (Boot Barn) Amazon.com, Inc. AMBU Amcor Flexibles North America Amedisys, Inc. Amentum - Nuclear Waste Partnership

American Academy of Family Physicians American Airlines Group, Inc. American Axle & Manufacturing American Bureau of Shipping American Century Investments American Chemical Society American Enterprise Group, Inc. American Family Insurance American Financial Group, Inc. American Financial Group, Inc. - ABA Insurance Services American Financial Group, Inc. - Great American Insurance Group American Financial Group, Inc. - Mid-Continent Casualty Company American Financial Group, Inc. - National Interstate American Financial Group, Inc. - Republic Indemnity American Financial Group, Inc. - Summit Holdings Southeast, Inc. American Financial Group, Inc. - Vanliner American International Group, Inc. American Medical Association American National Insurance American Regent, Inc. American Transmission Company Americas Building Products Americas Materials (AMAT) Ameridrives AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies Ameriprise Financial, Inc. AmerisourceBergen Corporation Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company

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Arizona State University Arkansas Children's Arkansas Children's Hospital Arlington County Government Armanino LLP Armstrong Group Arrive Logistics Arrow Electronics. Inc. Arrowhead Engineered Products Artera Services Arthrex, Inc. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Artic Cool Chillers Limited Artivion. Inc. Ascensia Ascension - Borgess - MI Ascension - Columbia/St Mary's - WI Ascension - Genesys - MI Ascension - IN Ascension - MI Ascension - Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital Ascension - Providence - Rochester - MI Ascension - Providence Hospital - Mobile Ascension - Sacred Heart Health System - FL Ascension - Seton Family of Hospitals Ascension - St John Hospital - MI Ascension - St Thomas Health - TN Ascension - St. Agnes Healthcare, Inc. - MD Ascension - St. Johns - OK Ascension - St. Mary's - MI Ascension - St. Vincent's Health System - AL Ascension - St. Vincent's Health System - FL Ascension - Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Ascension Health Ascension Macomb - Oakland Hospital. Warren Campus Ascent Brands Ascent Resources Management Services, ASCO Sandusky ASICS America Corporation Aspen Technology Inc. Aspire Bakeries, LLC

ASSA ABLOY Sales and Marketing Group, Inc ASSA ABLOY, Inc. Associated Bank, N.A. Association of International Certified Professional Accountants Assurant Inc. Assured Partners Astellas Pharma US, Inc. Astex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. AstraZeneca US Asurion AT&T ATI Physical Therapy Atlantic Aviation FBO Holdings Atlas Air, Inc. Atlas Sand Company, LLC Atmos Energy Corporation Atos It Solutions And Services Atrium Health Navicent Atrius Health, Inc. Audubon Metals, LLC Aultman Health Foundation - Ohio Auriga Polymers (Nov 2010) Autogrill - HMSHost Autoliv North America, Inc. Automated Control Concepts Automatic Data Processing, Inc. Automobile Club of Southern California AvalonBay Communities, Inc. Avangrid, Inc. Avanir Pharmaceuticals Avanos Medical, Inc. Avantax Wealth Management, Inc. Avantor, Inc. Avenue Livina AVEO Oncology Aveva Drug Delivery Systems Avgol America, Inc. AvidXchange, Inc. Avient - Distribution Avient - Global Color Additives and Inks Avient - Global Specialty Engineered Materials Avient Corporation Avon Research & Development Axalta Coating Systems, LLC Axiom Global, Inc. Axionlog USA

Axis Communications, Inc. B. Braun Medical B&H Foto & Electronics Corp. Babson College Babylon Partners Ltd Bacardi Bacardi US Operations BAE Systems, Inc. BAE Systems, Inc. - Electronic Systems BAE Systems, Inc. - Intelligence & Security BAE Systems, Inc. - Platforms & Services Baker Hughes Company **Ball Corporation** Ball Corporation - Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Ball Corporation - Beverage Packaging North and Central America Segment Banner Health Baptist Health South Florida Bar-S Foods Barrick Gold of North America Barry Callebaut USA, LLC **BASF** Corporation Bass Pro Shops Basware, Inc. Bath & Body Works, Inc. Battelle Memorial Institute Baxter International BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. Bayer AG - Bayer Corporation Baver AG - Consumer Health Division Bayer AG - CropScience Bayer AG - North American Pharmaceutical Division Baylor College of Medicine Baylor Scott & White Health - Dallas, Texas Baystar-Bayport Polymers, LLC BBD Mass Transit Corp. BCS Automotive Interface Solutions US, LLC Beam Suntory Beaumont Health System Beaumont Hospital - Dearborn Beaumont Hospital - Farmington Hills Beaumont Hospital - Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital - Taylor

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Blattner Company Blucora, Inc. Blue Apron Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City Blue Cross of Idaho Health Service. Inc. Blue Racer Midstream, LLC Blue Shield of California BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina BlueFin Services BlueLinx Corporation Bluepeak BMW Financial Services NA, LLC BMW of North America 11 C Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP Bobst North America, Inc. Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA, Inc. Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Boeing Employees Credit Union (BECU) Boise Cascade Company BOK Financial Bombardier Transit Corp. Bon Secours Mercy Health Bonduelle USA, Inc. Booking Holdings Booking.com Booz Allen Hamilton Bose Corporation Boston College Boston Scientific Corporation Boston University Bounteous Boy Scouts of America Brake Supply, LLC Brandeis University Braswell Family Farms Breakthru Beverage Illinois Breville Bridgestone Americas

Bridgestone APM Company Briggs & Stratton Corporation Bright Health Group Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc. Brighthouse Financial BrightSpring Health Services Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Bristow Group, Inc. British American Tobacco Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard Brookfield Properties Retail Group, Inc. Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc. **Brooks Sports** Brookshire Grocery Company Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company Broward County Government Broward Health Brown & Toland Physicians Brown and Caldwell Brown Forman BSH Home Appliances Corporation (Executive) BSN Medical, Inc. BT Holdings USA Inc. Buckeye Partners, L.P. Bulletproof 360 Burlington Stores. Inc. Burns & McDonnell BWX Technologies. Inc. BYK USA BYK-Gardner USA C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. C110 - Quaker US - Corporate Admin Cable One Inc. CACI International CAE. Inc. Caerus Operating, LLC California Casualty Management Company California Dental Association California Earthquake Authority California Hospital Association California Resources Corporation Callaway Golf Company CALMAC Corporation Calpine Corporation Cambia Health Solutions

Cambridge Investment Research, Inc. Campari America Campbell Meals and Beverages Campbell Soup Company Campbell Soup Company - Global Biscuits & Snacks Canature WaterGroup Canon Virginia, Inc. Canoo, Inc. Canvas Credit Union Capital One Financial Corp. CapitaLand International USA Cardinal Health, Inc. Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Cargill Carhartt, Inc. Carilion Clinic Carlisle Companies, Inc. CarMax Carmeuse Americas Carnegie Mellon University Carnival Cruise Lines Carrier Cascade Corporation Catalyst Pharmaceuticals. Inc. Caterpillar, Inc. CBRE Group, Inc. CDM Smith. Inc. CECO Environmental Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Cello Health Inc. Celulosa Arauco North America CEMEX. Inc. US CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Central California Alliance for Health Central Garden & Pet Co. Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc. Centro, Inc. Centrus Energy Corp. Centuri Group Inc. Cepheid Cerner CertiK CEVA Animal Health CF Industries Holdings, Inc. CFI Resorts Management CGG Services (US), Inc.

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CH Robinson United States CH2M Hill BWXT West Valley, LLC Champion Petfoods USA, Inc. ChampionX ChampionX USA, Inc. Charles River Laboratories International. Inc. Charter Automotive Charter Dura-Bar Charter Manufacturing Company Charter Steel Charter Wire CHC Helicopter Support Services (US) Inc. Chelan County Public Utility District ChemTreat ChenMed, LLC Chervon North America Inc. Chesapeake Energy Corporation Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Chewy, Inc. Chicago Cubs Baseball Club, LLC Chicago Public School System Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Children's Mercy Kansas City Chipotle Mexican Grill Chobani Global Holdings, LLC Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Choice Hotels International, Inc. Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Company UNITED STATES Chr. Hansen, Inc. Christie's Inc. CHS Inc. Chubb US Church & Dwight Co., Inc. Church & Dwight Co., Inc. - Specialty Chemicals Division CIGNA Corporation Ciklum Inc Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Cincinnati Financial Corp. Cipla USA, Inc. Circle K Stores Cirque du Soleil, Lake Buena Vista Citation Oil & Gas Corp.

CITGO Petroleum Corporation Citigroup, Inc. Citizens Property Insurance Corporation City Facilities Management (US) City National Bank of Florida City of Detroit City of Dublin City of Greensboro City of Hope City of San Antonio City Storage Systems Civica Rx CivicPlus, LLC CKE Restaurants Holdings, Inc. Clare Holdings LLC Clarios IIC Clayton Homes Clean Harbors, Inc. Clearwater Paper Corporation Cleco Corporate Holdings, LLC Clemson University **Cleveland Clinic** Clif Bar & Company Cloud Packaging Solutions, LLC CLOUGH CMA CGM (America) LLC CMC Materials **CNA Financial Corporation** CNH America, LLC CNO Financial Group, Inc. CNOOC Petroleum U.S.A., Inc. CNSI Coaction Specialty Insurance Coats North America Coca Cola Southwest Beverages Coca-Cola Bottlers' Sales & Services Company LLC Cochlear Americas Coeur Mining, Inc. Cognite AS Cognosante, LLC Coinstar I I C Colas, Inc. Colgate-Palmolive Company College of American Pathologists Collin County Colonial Group Inc. Colonial Pipeline Company Coloplast Corporation Colorado Public Employees Retirement

Columbia University Columbus McKinnon Corporation Columbus Regional Airport Authority Comcast Cable Communications, LLC Comerica, Inc. CommentSold, LLC Commercial Metals Company Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA) Community Health Choice, Inc. Community Health Network (CHN) Commvault Compass Group North America Compass Minerals International, Inc. **Compassus Hospice** Compeer Financial Conagra Brands Consilio Inc. Consolidated Nuclear Security Y-12 & Pantex Constellation Brands, Inc. Consumers Credit Union Consumers Credit Union (www. myconsumers.org) Consumers Energy Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. Continental Properties Company, Inc. Control Components Inc. Convatec, Inc. Cook Children's Health Care System Cook Medical. Inc. Coolsvs Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants CoorsTek, Inc. Corbin Russwin Core and Main CoreBiome, Inc. Corix - Corix Infrastructure Services US Cornell University Cornerstone Building Brands Corning Costa Farms, LLC Coty, Inc. COUNTRY Financial CountryMark Cooperative Holding Corp.

Covance, Inc. Covestro, LLC Covetrus COWI Consulting Inc. COWI NA Inc. Cox Enterprises - Cox Automotive, Inc. Cox Enterprises -Cox Communications Cox Enterprises, Inc. CPI Card Group, Inc. CPS Energy Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. Crawford & Company Creative Artists Agency, LLC Credit Acceptance Corporation Credit Central Loans and Taxes Crestron Electronics **CRH** Americas Crimson Wine Group, Ltd. **CROPP** Cooperative Crowe, LLP Crowley Maritime Corporation Crown Bioscience Crown Castle International Corporation **Cryogenic Industries** Crystal Mountain, Inc. CSA Group International CSAA Insurance Group CSL Americas CSL Behring CSL Segirus CSX Transportation, Inc. CTB, Inc Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. Cummins, Inc. **CUNA Mutual Group** CURiO Brands Curriculum Associates Curtiss-Wright Corporation Cushman & Wakefield CVR Energy, Inc. CVS Health Corporation Cyclerion Therapeutics, Inc. Cygnus Home Delivery Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Cytel, Inc. Cvtiva D.A. Davidson Companies D.R. Horton

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Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

Daimler Truck Financial Services USA Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. DAK Americas Alpek Dakota Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Dallas Central Appraisal District Danaher Corporate Danfoss Power Solutions (US) Company Danfoss Power Solutions II, LLC Danfoss Silicon Power US Danfoss, LLC Danone North America Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, LLC Daramic, LLC - Division of Polypore Darden Restaurants, Inc. Darling Ingredients, Inc. Dart Container Corporation DataCore Software Corporation Datavant, Inc. David's Bridal DaVita Inc. Dawn Food Products, Inc. Day & Zimmermann Engineering, Construction and Maintenance Day & Zimmermann Group, Inc. Day & Zimmermann Munitions and Defense Day & Zimmermann SOC Day 1 Academies DCP Midstream, LP Deacero USA, Inc. Deckers Outdoor Corporation Deere & Company Del Monte Foods, Inc. DeLaval. Inc. Delaware Supermarkets Delegat USA, Inc. Deloitte, LLP Delta Air Lines, Inc. Delta Air Lines, Inc. - Monroe Energy, LLC Delta Dental Insurance Company Delta Dental of California Delta Dental Of New York Delta Dental Of Pennsylvania Deluxe Corporation Denbury, Inc. Denny's Corporation Dentaquest Ventures, LLC Denver Health

Denver Public Schools Deoleo US DePaul University Desert Financial Credit Union Designer Brands, Inc. Deutsche Lufthansa US **Devon Energy Corporation Dexerials America Corporation** DexKo Globa DHL eCommerce United States (Corporate) DHL Executives United States (Corporate) DHL Express United States (Corporate) DHL Global Business Services United States (Corporate) DHL Supply Chain United States DHL Supply Chain United States (Corporate) Diality Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. Diamondback Energy DICK'S Sporting Goods Diebold Nixdorf, Inc. Direct Supply, Inc. DirecTV Group Holdings LLC **Discover Financial Services** DISH Network Corp. DJO Global, Inc. DNV Energy Insights USA, Inc. Dole Food Company, Inc. **Dollar General Corporation** Dominion Energy South Carolina Dominion Energy, Inc. Dominium Domino's Pizza, Inc. Donaldson Company Doosan Bobcat, Inc. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP Doskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc. Dover Corporation DOW Chemicals Dow Jones DPM, LLC Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. Draeger Medical Systems, Inc. Draeger, Inc. Dresser-Rand Group, Inc. Dril-Quip, Inc. Driscoll's. Inc. Driven Brands Holdings Inc.

DriveTime Automotive Group DS Smith Worldwide Dispensers DSM Biomedical DSM Engineering Plastics, Inc. **DSM Nutritional Products** DSM Services USA, Inc. DTE Energy Duke Clinical Research Institute Duke Energy Corporation Duke Energy Corporation - Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Duke Energy Corporation - Duke Energy Indiana, Inc Duke Energy Corporation - Progress Energy, Duke University Duke University Health System **Duquesne Light Holdings** Durango Midstream, LLC Duravant, LLC Dyno Nobel, Inc. DYWIDAG-Systems International USA Inc. E.& J. Gallo Winery E20PEN FAB Global Inc. Eagle Mine, LLC East West Bancorp, Inc. Eastern Bankshares, Inc. Eastman Chemical Company Eaton Corporation (US) eBay, Inc. Echo Global Logistics, Inc. ECKART America Corporation Ecolab, Inc. Ecopetrol America Inc. EDF Renewables Development Inc. Edgewell Personal Care Edlong Dairy Technologies Edward D. Jones & Co. L.P. Edwards Lifesciences, LLC Fisai Inc. ELANTAS PDG Elbit Systems of America Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. Electrolux Elekta Inc. **Elevations Credit Union** Eli Lilly & Co. Ellucian Emburse, LLC

EMCOR Group, Inc. Emerson Automation Solutions Emerson Climate Technologies, Inc. Emerson Electric Co Empirical Foods Employbridge Employers Mutual Casualty Company Empower Retirement LLC Emulsicoat Inc. Enbridge, Inc. Encompass Health Corporation Encore Group Encova Insurance Endeavor Endo International, PLC Enel Green Power North America Enerflex Energy Systems Inc. Enerflex Services, Inc. Energizer Holdings, Inc. Energy Transfer LP EnergySolutions EnerMech Mechanical Services, Inc. Energlus Resources (USA) Corporation EnerVest, Ltd. ENGIE North America, Inc. Eni Trading & Shipping, US EnLink Midstream, LLC Enova International, Inc. **Ensemble Health Partners** Entegris, Inc. Entergy Corporation **Entertainment Partners** Envision Healthcare Holdings Inc. Envista Enviva Envov Air Equinix Equinor US Operations, LLC Eramosa International, Inc. ERCO Worldwide, Inc. Ericsson Erie Indemnity Co. Eriks North America ESAB Corporation ESCO Technologies, Inc. Esko Essentia Health

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Essentra Components

Essentra Packaging Essentra PLC (US Shared Services) Essilor of America Essity North America EthosEnergy Everest Re Group Everside Health Eversource Energy Evolve Vacation Rental Network Inc. Evolved By Nature Evonik Industries North America Ewellix (SMT) Exactech, Inc. Exelixis. Inc. EXP U.S. Services, Inc. Explorer Pipeline, Inc. Express, Inc. EyeBuy Direct, Inc. F. Hoffmann La-Roche, Ltd. - Genentech, Inc. F. Hoffmann La-Roche, Ltd. - Roche **Diagnostics** Corporation F. Hoffmann La-Roche, Ltd. - Roche Molecular Systems, Inc. Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP Fairview Health Services Fameccanica North America. Inc. Fanatics Retail Group Farm Credit Bank of Texas Farmers Insurance Group Fast Retailing USA Inc. FBL Financial Group, Inc. FCA US, LLC FCCI Insurance Group Federal Aviation Administration Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Federated Mutual Insurance Company Fender Musical Instruments Corporation Ferrara Candy Company

Ferrellgas Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Ferrovial - Webber, LLC Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. (FIS) Fiduciary Counselling, Inc. FieldCore Service Solutions LLC Fifth Third Bancorp FIJI Water Company Financial Accounting Foundation Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Inc. Firmenich, Inc. First American Financial Corporation First Data Hardware Services Inc. First Financial Bancorp First Interstate BancSystem, Inc. First National Bank of Omaha First Orion First Solar Inc. First Western Financial FirstBank Fisher & Pavkel Healthcare Flaktgroup SEMCO Flanders Inc. Flashpoint Flavor Producers Florida State University Flowers Foods, Inc. Flowserve Corporation FLSmidth. Inc. Fluor Corporation Fluor Idaho Fluor Marine Propulsion, LLC FM Global FMH Conveyors, LLC FONA International Inc. Fonterra Co-operative Group, Ltd. Formsprag Fortive Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc. Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc. -Master Lock Company, LLC Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc. -MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc. Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc. -Therma-Tru Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. Foundation Partners Group, LLC

FPT NORTH AMERICA INC. Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Freeport LNG Development, L.P. Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. Freight Handlers Inc. Fresenius Kabi USA Fresh Del Monte Produce United States Fresh US Freudenberg Medical Mis Inc. Friedkin Companies, Inc. Friedkin Companies, Inc. - Gulf States Financial Services Friedkin Companies, Inc. - Gulf States Toyota, Inc. Friedkin Companies, Inc. - US AutoLogistics, IIC Froedtert Health Inc Frontdoor, Inc. Frontier Airlines Fulton Financial Corporation Funko, Inc. G2O Technologies Gables Engineering, Inc. GAE Industries Inc. Galderma Laboratories L.P. GAN Limited Gap, Inc. Garaga Garmin AT Garmin International Garmin USA Garrett Transportation L Inc. Gate Gourmet, Inc. Gates Industrial Corp. PLC Gateway Foundation Inc. GATX Corporation GE Appliances, a Haier Company GE Gas Power GE Renewables North America, LLC GE United States Aviation GE United States Healthcare GEA Refrigeration North America Gemological Institute of America GenCure Generac Power Systems Inc. General Atomics General Dynamics Corporation General Dynamics Corporation - Bath Iron Works

General Dynamics Corporation - Electric Boat Division General Dynamics Corporation - Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. General Dynamics Corporation - Land Systems General Dynamics Mission Systems Inc. General Motors Company Generali Global Assistance Genesis Energy, LP Genmab USA Inc. Genuine Parts Company **GEODIS United States** George Koch Sons, LLC George Washington University Georgetown University Georgia System Operations Corporation GeoVera Holdings, Inc. Gerdau USA Inc. Gevo, Inc. GfK US LLC GHD Pty Ltd GHSP Gibbs Die Casting, LLC Giesecke+Devrient Currency Technology America Inc Giesecke+Devrient Mobile Security America, Inc. Gildan USA Inc. Gilead Sciences Inc. Givaudan US GKN America Corporation - GKN Aerospace North America GKN North America Inc. Glass Coatings & Concepts, LLC Glatfelter Corp. Glatfelter Insurance Group GlaxoSmithKline Global Finishing Solutions, LLC Global Health Labs. Inc. Global Indemnity Group, LLC Global Partners LP Globe Life Inc. GN Audio GN Hearing GOJO Industries. Inc. Golden Hippo Media Golden State Farm Credit Goodnight Midstream, LLC Goodwill NCW

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GP Strategies Corp. GPG Plumbing Group, LLC Graham Group US, Inc. Graham Packaging Company, L.P. Grand River Dam Authority Grange Mutual Casualty Company Granite Construction Inc. Grayson Mill Energy Great Minds Great River Energy Greater New York Mutual Insurance Co Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc. (WETA) Green Dot Corporation Greenhouse Software Greenlight Financial Technology, Inc. GreyStone Power Corporation Grundfos Pumps Manufacturing United States Grupo Industrial Lala US GTM International, LLC Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company Guardian Pharmacv Guild Education Inc. Guinness World Records North America Inc. GXO Logistics, Inc. Gymshark USA, Inc. H-E-B H&M U.S. Hach Haemonetics Corporation Haldor Topsoe, Inc. Halliburton Company Hallmark Cards, Inc. Hallmark Cards, Inc. - Crayola, LLC Halma Holdings US Hammond Power Solutions Hampton Products International Corporation Hanchett Entry Systems, Inc. Hanesbrands Inc. Hanford Mission Integration Solutions Hannover Re U.S. Hanon Systems USA, LLC Harbison-Fischer, Inc. Harris Health System

Hasbro, Inc. Hatch Associates Consultants HAVI Group Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. HCA Healthcare HDR. Inc. Health & Happiness (H&H), Inc. Health Care Service Corporation Healthpartners, Inc. Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. Helen Of Troy - US HELLA, Inc. HELLA, Inc. - HELLA Electronics Corporation (HEC) HelloFresh Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Helzberg's Diamond Shops, Inc. Henkel Corporation Hennepin County Hennepin County Medical Center Henry Ford Health System Henry Ford Health System - Henry Ford Allegiance Health Henry Ford Health System - West Bloomfield Hospital Henry Schein, Inc. Heraeus Electro-Nite Co., LLC Heraeus GMSI, LLC Heraeus Inc. Heraeus Medical Components, LLC Heraeus Medical, LLC Heraeus Metals New York, LLC Heraeus Precious Metals North America Conshohocken, LLC Herbalife Nutrition, Ltd Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc. Herr Foods Inc. HF Management Services LLC Hibbett Sports, Inc. HID Global Corporation Highmark Health Highspot Inc. Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. Hillenbrand, Inc. Hilltop Holdings, Inc. Hilton Grand Vacations Hilton Worldwide Holdings. Inc. Hitachi Astemo Americas Inc. Hitachi Construction Machinery Loaders

HM.CLAUSE, INC. HNI Corporation **HNTB** Corporation Hollister Holman Enterprises Inc. Hologic, Inc. Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies Honeywell International, Inc. Horizon Air Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New .lersev Hormel Foods Corporation Hoshizaki America, Inc Hostess Brands Inc. Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. Howard Hughes Medical Institute Howden Roots LLC Howden USA Company Hova Optical Labs of America Inc. HOYA Surgical Optics, United States Hublot US Humana Inc. Humane Society of the United States Hunter Industries. Inc. Huntington Bancshares, Inc. Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. - Technical Solutions Division Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP Husky Injection Molding Systems, Ltd. (US) Huvis Indorama Advanced Materials Hy Cite Enterprises, LLC Hyatt Hotels Corporation Hycroft Mining Holding Corporation HydraForce, Inc. Hyperion Materials & Technologies, Inc. Hypertherm Hyundai Motor America Hyundai Translead i-Health, Inc. IAT Insurance Group ICL USA ICW Group Idaho National Laboratory Idorsia Pharmaceuticals US, Inc. IDT

IES Abroad IFCO Systems IKEA North American Services, LLC IKEA Purchasing Services (US), Inc. llitch Holdings, Inc. Illumio IMI Zimmermann & Jansen Impellam Group NA Imricor Medical Systems, Inc. IMT Insurance Company IN-N-OUT BURGER Incyte Corporation Independent Bank Group Inc. Index Exchange Inc. Indiana University Health Inflection Energy, LLC Ingevity Corporation Ingredion, Inc. InnFocus, Inc. Integer Holdings Corporation Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corporation Intelsat Corporation Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. InterContinental Hotels Group Interface. Inc. Intermountain Healthcare, Inc. International Air Transport Association, Inc. International Baccalaureate Organization US International Business Machines Corporation International Paint LLC International Paper Co. International Rescue Committee International SOS International-Matex Tank Terminals (IMTT) Interplex Nascal, Inc. Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. Interstate Gas Supply Inc. Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc. Intradeco Intrawest/Winter Park Operations Corporation ION Geophysical Corporation Ioneer USA Corp. IPG - True North Communications, Inc.

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IPL Plastics - Consumer Packaging Solutions IPL Plastics - Large Format Packaging & Environmental Solutions Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. IQVIA Holdings, Inc. Iron Mountain, Inc. ISO New England Isuzu North America Corporation ITC Holdings Corp. ITG Brands, LLC Itochu International, Inc. North America ITOCHU Prominent USA, LLC ITT. Inc. Ixom Watercare, Inc. J-W Power Company J.Crew Group, Inc. J.D. Irving - Cavendish J.D. Irving - Irving Consumer Products J.Jill. Inc. J.R. Automation Technologies LLC J.S. Held I.I.C. Jabil Circuit. Inc Jackson Lewis P.C. Jackson National Life Insurance Company, Inc Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC. Jaguar O&G James Avery Craftsman, Inc. James Hardie Building Products James River Group, Inc. Jason, Inc JB Hunt Transport Services, Inc. JBG SMITH Properties Jeld-WEN Jet Aviation United States Jet Propulsion Laboratory JetBlue Airways Jockey International, Inc. John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc. John Bean Technologies Corporation John Fabick Tractor Company (Fabick CAT) Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Johns Hopkins Health Care System Johns Hopkins University

Johns Manville Johnson & Johnson Johnson & Johnson Consumer Health Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Johnson & Johnson Medical Pharma Johnson Controls Inc. Johnson County Community College Johnson Financial Group Johnson Matthey, Inc. Jostens, Inc. JT International USA, Inc. Juice Plus Just Born Inc. JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery JX Nippon Oil Exploration (U.S.A.) Limited Kaiser Permanente Kaiser Permanente - Colorado Region Kaiser Permanente - Georgia Kaiser Permanente - Hawaii Kaiser Permanente - Mid Atlantic Kaiser Permanente - Northern California Kaiser Permanente - Northwest Region Kaiser Permanente - Southern California Region Kaiser Permanente - Washington Kamehameha Schools Kansas State University - Manhattan Campus Kao USA, Inc. KAR Auction Services, Inc. KBR (GSUS) KBR. Inc. Kellogg Company Kelsey-Seybold Clinic Kelvion KemPharm, Inc. Kendo Holdings, Inc. Kent PLC US Kentucky Lottery Corporation Kering Americas Kerry, Inc. KeyCorp Kiewit Corporation Kimberly-Clark Corporation Kimberly-Clark Corporation - Consumer

Kimberly-Clark Corporation - K-C Professional Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. Kinder Morgan, Inc. Kinecta Federal Credit Union Kinross Gold Corporation Kirkland & Ellis I I P Kiva Microfunds Klein Tools, Inc. Knauf Knoxville Utilities Board Koch Air, LLC Koch Enterprises, Inc. Kohl's Corporation Kohler Company Komatsu Mining Corp. Konecranes Nuclear Equipment & Services Konecranes Inc. Kontoor Brands, Inc. Koppers Kosmos Energy, LLC Kremers Urban Pharmaceuticals, Inc. KUBRA Kum & Go L.C. KushCo Holdings, Inc. Kwik Trip Kyowa Kirin, Inc. Kyriba Corporation L.A. Care Health Plan L.L.Bean. Inc. L'Oreal USA L3Harris Technologies Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings LACC LLC Land O'Lakes, Inc. Landmark Credit Union Lannett Company, Inc. LANXESS Corporation US Laredo Petroleum, Inc. Latham & Watkins Launch Federal Credit Union Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory LBC Houston LBC US LDC Louis Dreyfus Company Leadiant Biosciences, Inc. Legal & General America

LEGO Systems, Inc. Lehigh Hanson, Inc. Lehigh University Leica Biosystems Leica Microsystems Leidos Holdings, Inc. Lend Lease USA Lennox International. Inc. I FO Pharma Leprino Foods Company Les Schwab Tire Centers, Inc. Lesson Nine GmbH (Babbel) Leupold & Stevens, Inc Levi Strauss & Co, Inc. Lexington Medical Center LG Electronics USA. Inc. Libbey Liberty Mutual Group Liberty Utilities LifeNet Health Liferay, Inc. Lifescan Lifetime Healthcare Companies, Inc. -Excellus BlueCross BlueShield LifeWay Christian Resources Likewize Linamar Corporation McLaren Performance Technologies, Inc. Linamar Corporation Skyjack Equipment, Inc. Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. Lincoln National Corporation Linde, Inc Lineage Logistics Linear Motion, LLC LineDrive Lionbridge Technologies Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. -Ticketmaster, LLC Live Oak Bank LMB Mortgage Services, Inc. Lockheed Martin - Aeronautics Lockheed Martin - Missiles and Fire Control Lockheed Martin - Rotary & Mission Systems Lockheed Martin - Space Lockheed Martin Corporation Loews Corporation Lone Wolf Technologies Lonza LOOP, LLC

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Marc Jacobs International, LLC Markel Corporation Marken LLP Marlen International, Inc. Marriott International, Inc. Mars Food Mars Global Services Mars Pet Nutrition Mars Pet Nutrition Global Mars Retail Mars Wrigley - Americas Mars Wrigley Global Mars. Inc. Marsh & McLennan Companies Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. - Marsh Marshfield Clinic Health System Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Mary Kay, Inc. Mary Kay, Inc. - US Division Maryland Procurement Company Masco Corporation Massachusetts Institute of Technology Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT Lincoln Laboratory MassMutual Life Insurance Company Material Materion United States MathWorks Matson Inc. Matson, Inc. - Matson Logistics Mattel, Inc. Matthews International Corporation Maurices, Inc. MAXIMUS Inc. Maxion Wheels Sedalia LLC Maxion Wheels U.S.A., LLC Maver Brown, LLP Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Ŕesearch Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research - Mavo Clinic Arizona Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research - Mayo Clinic Florida McCain Foods USA, Inc. McCormick & Company McCrometer McDermott International. Inc. McDonald's Corporation

McGrath RentCorp McKesson Corporation McNeil & Company, Inc. Mecklenburg County Medallion Midstream, LLC Medela, LLC Medicado USA, Inc. Medical Mutual of Ohio Medifast Inc. Medline Industries, Inc. MedStar Health Medtronic, PLC Meggitt-USA, Inc. Meijer, Inc. Memorial Health System Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center MemorialCare Health System MemorialCare Health System - Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center Mercedes-Benz U.S. International. Inc. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC Merck & Co., Inc. Merck & Co., Inc. - Animal Health Division Mercury Insurance Group Meritage Homes Corporation Meritor, Inc. Merlin Entertainments Mersen US Meso Scale Diagnostics MetaBank National Association Metal Exchange Corporation Mettler-Toledo, LLC - MTI MFS Investment Management Michelin North America. Inc. Michels Corporation Michigan Farm Bureau Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc. (MAA) Mid-America Conversion Services Midco Midland Cogeneration Venture MillerKnoll Inc. Milliken & Company Milliken & Company - Chemical Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative Minto Communities, LLC Mirum Pharmaceuticals Inc. Mission Produce, Inc.

Mission Support and Test Services MiTek USA, Inc. Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas) Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc. Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems Americas, Mitsubishi Motors North America Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, Inc. Mitsui E&P USA, LLC MKOX KONE Inc. MMGY Global, Inc. Mohawk Industries, Inc. Mohawk Valley Health System - Faxton St. Luke's Hospital Molecular Devices Molina Healthcare, Inc. Molnlycke Health Care US, LLC Molson Coors Beverage Company monday.com Mondelez International Inc. MongoDB Inc. Monotype Imaging Inc. Monterey Bay Aquarium Montrose Environmental Group, Inc. Moore & Van Allen, PLLC Morris Material Handling Motiva Enterprises, LLC Motorola Solutions Motrex LLC Movado Group, Inc. Movado Retail Group Mr. Cooper Group, Inc. msg global solutions. Inc. MTS Systems Corporation Mueller Water Products, Inc. MultiCare Health System Munich Reinsurance America, Inc./HSB Insurance and Inspection Murdochs Ranch and Home Supply Murphy Oil Corporation Mutual of Omaha N-able Technologies Inc. N3B Los Alamos NASSCO Holdings Inc. National CineMedia, LLC National Futures Association National Grid

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NMI Holdings, Inc. Noble Corporation Noble Research Institute, LLC Noblis Noblis ESI Noodles & Company Nordstrom, Inc. Norfolk Southern Corporation Norgren, Inc. Norican Group Norris Rods, Inc. (PAT Corp.) Norriseal-Wellmark, Inc. Norsk Hydro North American Science Associates Northeastern University Northrop Grumman Corporation NorthShore University HealthSystem Northwell Health Northwest Bank Northwestern University Norton Door Controls Nourvon NOVA Chemicals Novant Health, Inc. Novartis Corporation Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation NovaSignal Corporation Novavax Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Industries LP Novo Nordisk, Inc. Novocure Novozymes North America, Inc. NOW Health Group, Inc. NRT. LLC NS Pharma Numerica Credit Union NuStar Energy, L.P. Nutrien, Ltd. - US nVenia, LLC nVent (US) NVR, Inc. Nyrstar Netherlands - US O.C. Tanner Company O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. Oak Ridge Associated Universities Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Ocado Solutions USA Inc. Ocean Mist Farms Oceaneering International, Inc. Ocwen Financial Corporation **Oerlikon Surface Solutions** Offerpad Solutions, Inc. Office of Planning and Budget Office of the Comptroller of the Currency OGE Energy Corp. Ohio National Financial Services, Inc. Ohio Transmission Corporation OIA Global Oil Search (Alaska), LLC Oil-Dri Corporation of America Old Dominion Electric Cooperative Old Dominion University Research Foundation Old Republic National Title Insurance Company Oldcastle APG Oldcastle Building Envelope, Inc. Oldcastle Infrastructure Olin Corporation Olympus America, Inc. Olympus Corporation of the Americas **Olympus Scientific Solutions America** Olympus Surgical Technologies America OMNOVA Solutions Inc. **OMRON Healthcare** One Call Care Management ONE Gas, Inc. One10 OneBeacon Insurance Group **OneSource Virtual** Ono Pharma USA **OnPoint Group** OOCL (USA), Inc. **Open Society Foundations** Oportun Financial Corp. Orbia United States Organon & Co. Orica USA. Inc. Orlando Health Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Oscar Insurance Corporation

OSF Healthcare - Peoria, Illinois Oshkosh Access Equipment Oshkosh Commercial Oshkosh Corporation Oshkosh Defense **OSI Industries. LLC** Ossur Americas OTR Wheel Engineering Inc. Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals, Inc. OTT HydroMet Otter Products, LLC OU Medicine Owens & Minor Distribution, Inc. Owens Corning Oxford Industries, Inc. P2 Energy Solutions, Inc. PACCAR, Inc. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory PacifiCorp Packaging Corporation of America Packaging Corporation of America -Packaging Packaging Corporation of America - White Paper Pactiv Pall Panasonic Corporation of North America Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. Pandora Jewelry, LLC Panduit Corporation Papa John's International. Inc. Par Pacific Holdings PAREXEL International Corporation Pariveda Solutions, Inc. Parker Hannifin Corporation Parker Hannifin Corporation - Aerospace Group Parkland USA Parkview Health Partners HealthCare Patagonia Works Patterson UTI Drilling Company, LLC Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC Pax8. Inc. Paychex, Inc. Paycor, Inc.

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Pointsbet Australia Pty Ltd Polypore International, LP POM Wonderful Port of Houston Port of Portland Post Holdings. Inc. Post Holdings, Inc. - 8th Avenue Post Holdings, Inc. - Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Post Holdings, Inc. - Michael Foods Post Holdings, Inc. - Post Consumer Brands Postlethwaite & Netterville PPG Industries, Inc. PRA Group, Inc. Precision Drilling Corporation Premera Blue Cross Premier Inc. Presbyterian Healthcare Services Prevea Health PriceSmart PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP Primetals Technologies US, LLC Prince International Corporation Princeton University Principal Financial Group, Inc. Procter & Gamble Company PROG Leasing, LLC Progressive Corporation Promega Corporation Promethean World Proserv Operations, LLC Providence Health & Services - Providence Health Plans Proximo Spirits PSCU Inc. PTC Therapeutics, Inc. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. Publicis Sapient Publix Super Markets, Inc. PulteGroup, Inc. Puratos Corporation Purdue Pharma L.P. Purdue University PureCycle Technologies Pushpay USA, Inc. PVH Corp QBE Americas. Inc. QC Industries, LLC

Oorvo Quaker Houghton - Engineered Custom Lubricants Quaker Houghton - US Fluidcare MW Quaker Houghton - US OPS Qualfon QualTex Laboratories Quantum Health, Inc. Quartzdyne, Inc. Quest Diagnostics QVC, Inc R&M Materials Handling Radian Group, Inc. Radisson Hotel Group Rahr Corporation Raley's RAND Corporation Range Resources Corp. Range USA Raytheon Technologies Realogy Holdings Corporation Realty Income Corporation REC Silicon, Inc. Reckitt Benckiser, Inc. Recreational Equipment, Inc. Red Bull Distribution Company, Inc., USA Red Bull North America Red Robin Gourmet Burgers Refrigerated Solutions Group Regal Beloit Corporation RegEd, Inc. Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. **Regional Management Corporation** Regions Financial Corporation REHAU, Inc. Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. Reiter Affiliated Companies, LLC, Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company **Remington Hotels** Renaissance Lakewood, LLC Renalytix AI, Inc. Renewal by Andersen, LLC **RENK** Corporation Repsol Services Company Republic Airline, Inc. Republic National Distributing Company (RDNC)

Republic Services, Inc. Resideo Technologies, Inc. Restoration Hardware (RH) **REVENUE SOLUTIONS** Reyes Holdings Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. Rheem Manufacturing Company, Inc. **RHI** Magnesita Ria Envia, Inc. **Rich Products Corporation** Richardson International **Rite Aid Corporation** Rite-Hite Company LLC RK&K **RKT Holdings**. LLC Robert Bosch Robertet USA Rochester Institute of Technology Rock Central, LLC Rocket Auto, LLC Rocket Homes Real Estate, LLC Rocket Mortgage, LLC RockLoans Marketplace, LLC **Rockwell Automation Roll Forming Corporation** Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. ROTOPLAS UNITED STATES Rowan Williams Davies & Irwin (RWDI, LLC) Royal Bank of Canada - City National Bank Roval Canin Royal Canin - Americas **RR** Donnelley & Sons RSM US, LLP RTI International RTSS US Ruan Transportation Management Systems, Rudolph Foods Company, Inc. Ryan Specialty Group, LLC Ryerson Holding Corp. S.C. Johnson & Sons, Inc. S&C Electric Company SABIC Americas. Inc. Safe-Guard Products International Safelite Sage Natural Resources

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Schlumberger Limited - Schlumberger Oilfield Services Schnuck Markets, Inc. SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Sciex Scooter's Coffee Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists Scripps Health Scroll Compressors LLC Seaboard Corporation Seadrill Seagen Inc. Seagull Scientific, Inc. SEAKR Engineering Sealed Air Corporation Seashine Financial, LLC Seattle Children's Hospital Sebia USA Securitas Inc. Seda North America Inc. Select Medical Holdings Corp. Selective Insurance Group, Inc. Sempra Energy Sensia, LLC Sentara Healthcare Sentry Insurance Company Segua Corporation Servco Pacific, Inc. Service Corporation International SGRE Wind Gamesa USA Shake Shack, Inc. Sharp Electronics Corporation ShawCor (US) Shelf Drilling US, Inc. Shepherd Chemical Company Shepherd Color Company Shiseido Americas Corporation Shiseido Travel Retail Americas SHOES FOR CREWS LLC Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP Showa Denko Materials (America). Inc. Shure Inc. Shurtape Technologies LLC Shutterfly, Inc. SI Group, Inc. Sidlev Austin, LLP Siegwerk EIC, LLC

Siegwerk USA Co. Siemens Corporation Siemens Energy, Inc. Siemens Energy, Inc. - Fossil Products (OPP) Siemens Energy, Inc. - Oil& Gas (PT2) Siemens Energy, Inc. (US) - Dist Gen (PS1) Siemens Field Staffing, Inc. Siemens Financial Services. Inc. Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, Inc. USA Siemens Healthcare Siemens Industry Software Siemens Mobility, Inc. Sierra Nevada Corporation Signature Aviation US Holdings, Inc. Signature Bank Signify North America Corporation Silver Oak Wine Cellars Silverchair SimpliSafe Inc. Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. Sims Metal Management, Ltd. Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. Singapore Technologies Engineering SiriusPoint America Insurance Company SitusAMC Skyward Specialty Insurance SMC Corporation of America Smead Manufacturing Smith College Smithfield Foods Snow Summit, LLC Snowshoe Mountain, Inc. Society Insurance Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Sodexo USA SoftServe (ISV Tech) SOL-MILLENNIUM Medical Group Solmax Sonepar - Vallen Distribution, Inc. Sonoco Products Sonos Sound Credit Union Sound Transit South Jersey Industries

South Texas Blood & Tissue Center South Western Communications, LLC Southeastern Freight Lines Southern California Edison Southern Company - Georgia Power Southern Company - Mississippi Power Company Southern Company - Southern Company GAS Southern Company - Southern Company Services Southern Company - Southern Power Company Southern Company - SouthernLINC Wireless Southern Power Company - Alabama Power Company Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Aka Energy Group, LLC Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Growth Fund Properties Group, LLC Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Red Cedar Gathering Company Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Red Willow Production Company Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Southern Ute Shared Services Southland Industries Southwest Airlines Co. Southwest Gas Corporation Southwest Research Institute Sovos Brands Spark Therapeutics Sparrow Health System Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. - Hardware & Home Improvement Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. - Home & Personal Care Appliances Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. - Pet Home & Garden Spectrum Health System Spectrum Retirement Communities, LLC. Spencer Gifts, LLC Spin Master, Ltd. Spirax-Sarco, Inc. Spirit AeroSystems Holdings Spirit Airlines, Inc.

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Straumann Stride, Inc. Stryker Corporation Styropek USA, Inc. Subaru of America, Inc. Suburban Hospital Suburban Propane Partners, LP Subway FWH, LLC Sulzer Pumps (US), Inc. Sulzer Turbo Services Houston Inc. Sumitomo Electric - Sumitomo Electric U.S.A. Holdings, Inc. Sumitomo Pharma America Holdings Summa Health Sun Life Financial U.S. Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. SunCoke Energy Inc. Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc. SunStream Business Services Superior Energy Services, Inc. Supernus Pharmaceuticals Surescripts, LLC SureWerx USA Inc. Surmodics, Inc. Sutherland Global Services Sutter Health Suzuki Marine USA Svendborg Brakes Swagelok Company Swarovski US Swedish Match, US Division Swissport Sylvamo Symetra Financial Corporation Symmetry Energy Solutions Symrise, Inc. syncreon America. Inc. Syneos Health, Inc. Synergy Flavors, Inc. Syngenta Synovus Financial Corporation Sysco Corporation T-Mobile US, Inc. T. Marzetti Company T.D. Williamson Tailored Brands Takasago International Corporation (USA) Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP

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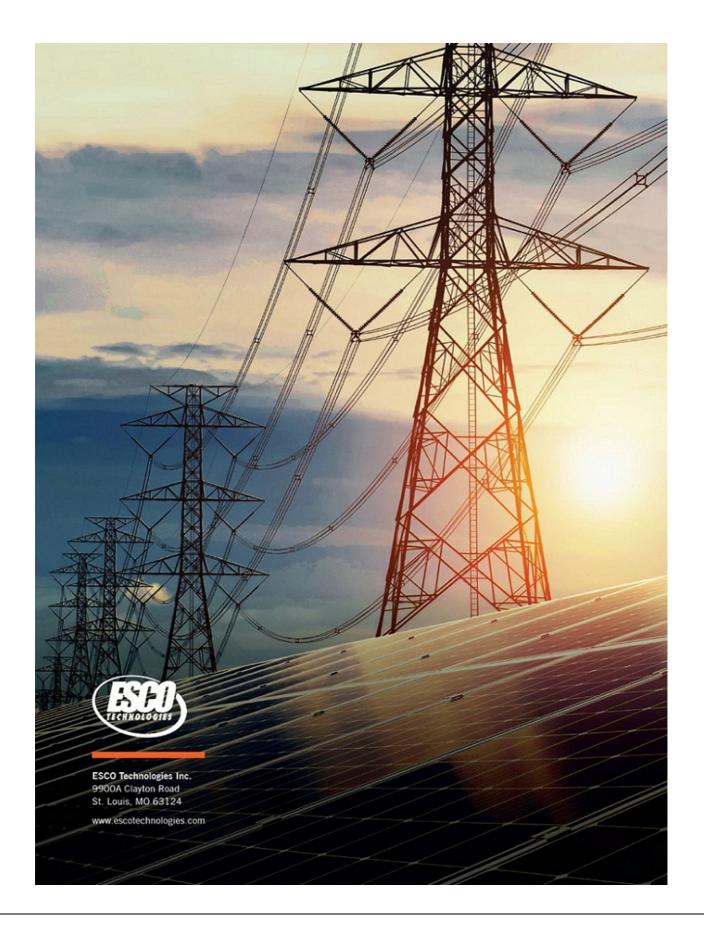
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# Proxy - ESCO Technologies Inc.

# Notice of 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

# Proxy Solicited by Board of Directors for Annual Meeting - February 4, 2025

Christopher L. Tucker and David M. Schatz, or either of them, each with the power of substitution, are hereby authorized to represent and vote the shares of the undersigned, with all the powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present, at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of ESCO Technologies Inc. to be held on February 4, 2025 at the Innisbrook Resort, 36750 U.S. Highway North, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, and at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Shares represented by this proxy will be voted as indicated hereon by the shareholder. If no such directions are indicated, the Proxies will have authority to vote FOR all nominees and FOR Proposals 2 and 3.

In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

(Items to be voted appear on reverse side)

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Votes submitted electronically must be received by 1:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on February 4, 2025.

# Shareholder Meeting Notice

# Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the ESCO Technologies Inc. 2025 Annual Shareholder Meeting to be Held on February 4, 2025

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The 2024 Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Shareholders are available at:

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Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials - If you want to receive a copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request as instructed on the reverse side on or before January 21, 2025 to facilitate timely delivery.

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# Shareholder Meeting Notice

The 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of ESCO Technologies Inc. will be held on February 4, 2025, at the Innisbrook Resort, 36750 U.S. Highway North, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees and FOR Proposals 2 and 3:

- 1. To elect David A. Campbell and Penelope M. Conner, and to re-elect Gloria L. Valdez, as directors of the company to serve for three-year terms expiring in 2028.
- 2. An advisory vote to approve to compensation of the Company's executive officers.
- 3. To ratify the appointment of the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2025 fiscal year.

PLEASE NOTE - YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.

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### Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select delivery preferences:

Current and future delivery requests can be submitted using the options below.

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  the meeting materials.

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