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NOTICE OF 2016  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
AND PROXY STATEMENT

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD JULY 18, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Columbus McKinnon Corporation, a New York corporation, will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois, on July 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect nine Directors to hold office until the 2017 Annual Meeting and until their successors have been elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017;
3. To conduct a shareholder advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers;
4. To vote upon the approval and adoption of the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan; and
5. To take action upon and transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on June 1, 2016, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or vote by telephone or using the internet as instructed on the enclosed proxy card. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you may vote your shares in person if you wish. We sincerely appreciate your prompt cooperation.

ALAN S. KORMAN  
Secretary

Dated: June 10, 2016

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on July 18, 2016. The Company's Proxy Statement and Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 are available at <http://www.cmworks.com/investors/proxy>.



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PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are being furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Columbus McKinnon Corporation, a New York corporation ("our Company", "we" or "us"), of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois, on July 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., local time, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof. This Proxy Statement and other proxy materials are first being sent or given to shareholders on or about June 10, 2016.

The close of business on June 1, 2016 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting. At the close of business on June 1, 2016, we had outstanding 20,163,999 shares of our common stock, \$.01 par value per share, the holders of which are entitled to one vote per share on each matter properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

The shares represented by all valid proxies in the enclosed form will be voted if received in time for the Annual Meeting in accordance with the specifications, if any, made on the proxy card. If no specification is made, the proxies will be voted (i) FOR the nominees for Director named in this Proxy Statement, (ii) FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2017, (iii) FOR the approval of the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the related disclosure as contained elsewhere in this Proxy Statement, and (iv) FOR the approval and adoption of the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan.

In order for business to be conducted, a quorum must be present at the Annual Meeting. A quorum is a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions, broker non-votes and withheld votes will be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting, meaning the nine nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. Votes cast FOR the nominees will count as "yes votes;" and WITHHOLD votes will be excluded entirely from the vote and will have no effect. A majority of the votes cast is required to approve the selection of the Company's auditors and the approval of a non-binding, advisory resolution regarding executive compensation. Votes may be cast FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN on the approval of these proposals. Abstentions are not counted in the number of votes cast and will have no effect on the results of the vote. Proxy cards that are executed and returned without any designated voting direction will be voted in the manner stated on the proxy card.

Recent changes in regulations have eliminated the ability of a shareholder's bank or broker to vote uninstructed shares in the election of directors and on executive compensation on a discretionary basis. Thus, if a shareholder holds shares in street name and does not instruct his, her or its bank or broker how to vote in the election of directors or the one advisory vote on executive compensation, no votes will be cast on such shareholder's behalf with respect to these matters. If a shareholder holds shares in his, her or its own name and does not vote, no votes will be cast on such shareholder's behalf on any of the items of business at the Annual Meeting.

The execution of a proxy will not affect a shareholder's right to attend the Annual Meeting and to vote in person. A shareholder who executes a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by giving written notice to the Secretary, by appearing at the Annual Meeting and so stating, or by submitting another duly executed proxy bearing a later date.



## PROPOSAL 1

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Certificate of Incorporation provides that our Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine Directors to be elected at each annual meeting of shareholders and to serve for a term of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Currently, the Board of Directors is comprised of nine members.

Unless instructions to the contrary are received, it is intended that the shares represented by proxies will be voted for the election as Directors of Ernest R. Verebelyi, Timothy T. Tevens, Richard H. Fleming, Stephen Rabinowitz, Nicholas T. Pinchuk, Linda A. Goodspeed, Liam G. McCarthy, R. Scott Trumbull and Heath A. Mitts, each of whom has been previously elected by our shareholders. If any of these nominees should become unavailable for election for any reason, it is intended that the shares represented by the proxies solicited herewith will be voted for such other person as the Board of Directors shall designate. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any of these nominees will be unable or unwilling to serve if elected to office.

The following information is provided concerning the nominees for Director:

Ernest R. Verebelyi, age 68, was appointed a Director of the Company in January 2003 and was elected Chairman of the Board in August 2005. Mr. Verebelyi retired from Terex Corporation, a global diversified equipment manufacturer, in October 2002 where he held the position of Group President. Prior to joining Terex in 1998, he held executive, general management and operating positions at General Signal Corporation, Emerson, Hussmann Corporation, and General Electric. Mr. Verebelyi served as a director of CH Energy Group, Inc. (NYSE:CHG) starting in 2006 and was elected lead director in 2012 through its sale in June of 2013.

Timothy T. Tevens, age 60, was elected President and appointed a Director of our Company in January 1998 and assumed the duties of Chief Executive Officer in July 1998. From May 1991 to January 1998 he served as our Vice President - Information Services and was also elected Chief Operating Officer in October 1996. From 1980 to 1991, Mr. Tevens was employed by Ernst & Young LLP in various management consulting capacities. Mr. Tevens served on the Board of Directors of Zep, Inc. (NYSE:ZEP) through its sale in June, 2015.

Richard H. Fleming, age 69, was appointed a Director of our Company in March 1999. In February 1999, Mr. Fleming was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of USG Corp. (NYSE:USG). Effective May 1, 2012 Mr. Fleming retired from the position of Chief Financial Officer at USG. Prior thereto, Mr. Fleming served USG Corp. in various executive financial capacities, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 1995 to February 1999 and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 1994 to January 1995. Mr. Fleming also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Boise Cascade Company (NYSE:BCC) and OE Holding, LLC., a private company. He is also a director for several not-for-profit entities including UCAN and the University of the Pacific.

Stephen Rabinowitz, age 73, was appointed a Director of the Company in October 2004. He retired in 2001 from his position as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of General Cable Corporation, a leading manufacturer of electrical, communications and utility cable. Prior to joining General Cable as President and Chief Executive Officer in 1994, he served as President and CEO of AlliedSignal Braking Systems, and before that as President and CEO of General Electric's Electrical Distribution and Control business. He also held management positions in manufacturing operations and technology at the General Electric Company and the Ford Motor Company.

Nicholas T. Pinchuk, age 69, was appointed a Director of the Company in January 2007. Currently, he is Chairman, President and CEO of Snap-on Incorporated (NYSE:SNA), an S&P 500 company. Prior to that, Mr. Pinchuk served as



Senior Vice President and President of Snap-on's Worldwide Commercial and Industrial Group since June 2002. Prior to joining Snap-on, Mr. Pinchuk served in several executive operational and financial management positions at United Technologies Corporation, including President, Global Refrigeration Operations of its Carrier Corporation unit and President of Carrier's Asia-Pacific Operations. He also served in financial and engineering managerial staff positions at the Ford Motor Company from 1972 to 1983. Mr. Pinchuk served as an officer in the United States Army.

Linda A. Goodspeed, age 54, was appointed a Director of the Company in October 2004. In October, 2011, Ms. Goodspeed was appointed SVP, CIO of The ServiceMaster Company. She retired from The ServiceMaster Company at the end of 2013. Prior thereto, she was employed by Nissan North America, Inc. as Vice President of Information Systems from 2007 to 2011. From 2001 until 2007 she was employed by Lennox International Inc., a global supplier of climate control solutions. Her position with Lennox was Executive Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Logistics and Technology Officer. Prior to that,

Ms. Goodspeed served as President and Chief Operating Officer of PartMiner, Inc., a global supplier of electronic components. She has also held management positions in product management and development, research and development and design engineering at General Electric Appliances, Nissan North America, Inc. and the Ford Motor Company. Ms. Goodspeed is a member of the Boards of Directors of AutoZone, Inc., (NYSE:AZO), American Electric Power Co., Inc., (NYSE:AEP) and Global Power Equipment Group (OT: GLPW) and she is a managing partner in Wealth Strategies Financial Advisors.

Liam G. McCarthy, age 60, was appointed a Director of the Company in November 2008. Mr. McCarthy is President and Chief Supply Chain Officer of Molex Incorporated (NASDAQ:MOLX), acquired December 9, 2013 by Koch Industries, Inc. Prior thereto, Mr. McCarthy served Molex in various executive and management capacities, including President and Chief Operating Officer through December, 2015, Vice President, Operations, Europe from 2001 to 2005; President, Data Communications Division, Americas Region from 1998 to 2001; General Manager, Singapore from 1993 to 1998; Regional Marketing Manager, Far East South Region from 1991 to 1993; and Materials Director, Singapore from 1989 to 1991. Mr. McCarthy is also a Board Member of the Chicago Counsel on Global Affairs.

R. Scott Trumbull, age 67, was appointed a Director of the Company in January, 2014. Mr. Trumbull retired as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Franklin Electric Company, Inc. (NASDAQ:FELE) in May, 2015. He joined the Board of Franklin Electric in 1998 and was elected Chief Executive Officer of the company in December, 2002 until retiring in May, 2014. Prior to joining Franklin Electric, Mr. Trumbull began his career at Owens-Illinois in 1972, progressively advancing through various operational and leadership positions to the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Trumbull serves on the Board of Directors of Welltower, Inc. (NYSE:HCN), Schneider National (private) and the Artisan Funds.

Heath A. Mitts, age 45, was appointed a Director of the Company in May, 2015. Mr. Mitts is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of IDEX Corporation (NYSE:IEX). Prior to joining IDEX Corporation, Mr. Mitts was at PerkinElmer, Inc. in various senior financial management roles in both North America and in Singapore. He went to PerkinElmer after five years at Honeywell where he gained world-class training in financial planning and analysis, progressing through various managerial roles including Director of Finance.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS UNANIMOUSLY A VOTE “FOR” EACH OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES.

PROPOSAL 2

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS  
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

General

We are asking our shareholders to ratify our Audit Committee's appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. In the event our shareholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider this appointment. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of our Company and its shareholders.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so. It is also expected that those representatives will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The aggregate fees billed to us by Ernst & Young LLP for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 are as follows:

	Fiscal Year	
	2016	2015
	(\$ in thousands)	
Audit Fees (1)	1,413	1,271
Tax Fees (2)	308	290
All Other Fees (3)	3	3
Total	1,724	1,564

Consists of fees billed for the audit of our annual financial statements, review of financial statements included in (1) our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and services that are normally provided by the auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

(2) Consists of all tax related services.

(3) Consists of all other products and services provided other than the services reported under audit fees and tax fees.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS UNANIMOUSLY A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP TO SERVE AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2017.



PROPOSAL 3

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION  
OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

We are required pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act to provide a non-binding stockholder vote on our executive compensation as described in this proxy statement (commonly referred to as "Say-on-Pay").

The advisory vote on executive compensation is a non-binding vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the compensation tables, and the accompanying narrative disclosure, set forth in this proxy statement.

We maintain a compensation program that is comprehensive, consisting of base salary, annual incentives, long-term incentives and benefits, in support of our objective of providing superior value to shareholders and customers. Our program is designed to motivate and reward our executives for sustained superior performance through the use of variable compensation tied to short, intermediate and long-term results. Our business success depends on our ability to attract and retain executive talent through competitive compensation opportunities provided by our program.

For the reasons discussed above, the Board of Directors unanimously recommends that shareholders vote in favor of the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the shareholders hereby APPROVE, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement prepared in connection with its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the executive compensation tables and narrative discussion).”

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS UNANIMOUSLY A VOTE “FOR” THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY'S COMPENSATION OF ITS NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

## PROPOSAL 4

ADOPTION OF COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION  
2016 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

Approval of the 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan, as Attached Hereto

The Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors unanimously adopted the 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) subject to approval by shareholders. Awards under the Plan, including annual incentive awards paid to executive officers subject to Section 162(m) (“Covered Employees”), can satisfy the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The Compensation Committee believes that long-term incentives provide important medium- and long-term incentives for our Directors, officers, employees, and third-party service providers to achieve the Company’s strategic business plan. The Compensation Committee also believes that long-term incentives consistent with those available to other leading industrial companies are required for us to compete for, motivate, and retain high-quality Directors, executives, employees, and third-party service providers.

## Historical Use of Equity-Burn Rate, Run Rate and Dilution

We believe we have utilized equity-based compensation appropriately over the past several years. This is borne out by our current burn rate (three-year average of the rate at which equity was granted) and dilution.

The actual equity grants for the period 2014-2016, as well as the burn rates (calculated using both the burn rate and the traditional run rate methodologies), are shown in the table below:

Fiscal Year	Stock Options and SARs Granted	Other Share-Settled Awards Granted	Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding for Fiscal Year	Advisory Group Burn Rate*		Traditional Run Rate	
2016	157,999	360,267	20,079,000	5.27	%	2.58	%
2015	118,060	140,752	19,939,000	2.36	%	1.30	%
2014	136,793	109,737	19,655,000	2.09	%	1.25	%
Three-Year Average Burn Rate:				3.24	%	1.71	%

\* The burn rate is calculated by multiplying the Other Share-Settled Awards Granted by a multiplier that depends on a company’s annual volatility. Our annual volatility for this purpose was 33.2% which would cause Other Share-Settled Awards to be counted as 2.5 stock option/stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) shares.

The Burn Rate Formula = (Stock Options & SARs Granted + (Time-Vested Share-Settled Awards Granted x 2.5) + (Shares issued in settlement of Performance-Based Awards x 2.5)) / Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding for fiscal year.

The Traditional Run Rate Formula = (Stock Options & SARs Granted + Time-Vested Share-Settled Awards Granted + Shares issued in settlement of Performance-Based Awards) / Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding for fiscal year.

As of May 23, 2016, our current basic dilution is 8.08% and our fully diluted dilution is 7.47%. Basic dilution is calculated by taking the total number of shares available for grant under the Prior Plans plus the outstanding stock options and “Full-Value Awards” (awards other than stock options or SARs that are settled by the issuance of shares) and dividing by our common shares outstanding as of the record date. Fully diluted dilution is calculated similarly except that the denominator is the total number of shares requested under the Plan and the outstanding stock options and Full-Value Awards, plus our common shares outstanding as of the record date. If the Plan is approved, our basic dilution will be 16.95% and our fully diluted dilution will be 14.49%. See the updated share information as of May 23, 2016 set forth in the table and related footnote under “Equity Compensation Plan Information.”

## Key Plan Features

Key features of the Plan include the following:

- Employees, directors, and third-party service providers are eligible for awards under the Plan;
- The Plan will be used instead of the existing equity plans, i.e., the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan, 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan, the 1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan, the Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, the Restricted Stock Plan, and the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc. (“Prior Plans”), for all new equity grants if shareholders approve the Plan and no new grants will be made under the Prior Plans;
- 2,000,000 shares will be available for grant under the Plan;
- The Plan will count Full Value Awards as 2.1 shares against the Share Authorization and Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights as 1 share against the Share Authorization;
- The Plan permits the award of stock options, both nonqualified stock options (“NQSOs”) and incentive stock options (“ISOs”), SARs, restricted stock, restricted stock units, deferred stock units, performance shares, performance share units, performance units, other stock-based awards, Covered Employee annual incentive awards, and cash-based awards;
- The Plan specifically prohibits the repricing or cash buyout of stock options and SARs without shareholder approval;
- Except for 5% of the share authorization which can be granted not subject to minimum vesting requirements, the Plan includes the following minimum vesting requirements for Full-Value Awards: one year for performance-based awards and three years for time-based awards;
- The exercise price for stock options and SARs must be at least equal to the stock price on the date of grant;
- The Plan also permits the grant of dividend equivalent rights, provided that dividend equivalent rights on performance-based awards cannot be paid on a current basis and instead must be accrued and paid only if and when the underlying shares are earned or vest;
- Awards cannot be transferred for value;
- Under the Plan, change-in-control benefits, i.e., accelerated vesting, for awards are based on a “double trigger” which requires a participant’s involuntary termination of employment within two years following the change in control; and
- The Plan includes “clawback” provisions that allow the Company to terminate outstanding awards, and in some circumstances recover awards that have already been paid, to participants who are found to have engaged in fraudulent or dishonest behavior.

## Description of the Plan

A summary of the principal features of the Plan is provided below, but is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan attached hereto as Appendix A.



The Plan is intended to advance the best interests of our Company, its affiliates, and our shareholders by providing those persons who have substantial responsibility for the management and growth of our Company and its affiliates with additional performance incentives and an opportunity to obtain or increase their proprietary interest in the Company, thereby encouraging them to continue in their employment or affiliation with the Company or its affiliates.

The Plan will become effective upon shareholder approval and will continue for 10 years unless sooner terminated. However, no ISOs may be granted under the Plan on or after the 10th anniversary of its effective date.

#### Plan Share Limits

The maximum number of shares of our common stock issuable under the Plan is 2,000,000 shares.

To the extent the Corporation grants a stock option or a SAR under the Plan, the number of Shares that remain available for future grants under the Plan shall be reduced by an amount equal to the number of shares subject to such stock option or SAR. To the extent the Company grants a Full Value Award or settles a Performance Share, Performance Share Unit or Performance Unit Award (collectively, "Performance Award") in Shares, the number of Shares that remain available for future grants under the Plan shall be reduced by an amount equal to 2.1 times the number of shares subject to such Full Value Award or Performance Award.

To the extent that Shares subject to an outstanding stock option, SAR or Full Value Award granted under the Prior Plans are not issued or delivered by reason of (i) the expiration, termination, cancellation or forfeiture of such award (excluding shares subject to an option canceled upon settlement in shares of a related tandem SAR or shares subject to a tandem SAR canceled upon exercise of a related option) or (ii) the settlement of such award in cash, then such Shares shall again be available under this Plan; provided, however, that Shares subject to an award under this Plan or the Prior Plans shall not again be available for issuance under the Plan if such shares are (w) shares that were subject to a stock option or a SAR and were not issued or delivered upon the net settlement or net exercise of such option or SAR, (x) Shares withheld by the Company to pay the withholding taxes related to an outstanding award or (y) Shares delivered to pay the exercise price related to an outstanding award or (z) Shares repurchased by the Company on the open market with the proceeds of an option exercise. The number of Shares that again become available pursuant to this paragraph shall be equal to (i) one share for each share subject to a stock option or SAR and (ii) 2.1 shares for each share subject to a Full Value Award.

#### Limits on Awards

The Plan permits the following types of awards to be granted (a more detailed description of the awards appears below) and imposes annual per-participant award limits for employees and executives, starting with calendar year 2016 as follows:

Award(s)	Annual Limit
Stock Options (NQSOs and ISOs)	200,000 shares
SARs	200,000 shares
Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units	150,000 shares
Deferred Stock Units	150,000 shares
Performance Shares, Performance Share Units and Performance Units	150,000 shares or equal to the value of 150,000 shares, determined as of the date of vesting or payout
Other Stock-Based Awards	150,000 shares
Substitution Awards	Not applicable
Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards	\$4,000,000
Cash-Based Awards	\$3,000,000 or the value of 150,000 shares, determined as of the date of vesting or payout

The number and kind of shares that may be issued, the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding awards, the option price or grant price applicable to outstanding awards, the annual per-participant award limits, and other value determinations are subject to adjustment by the Compensation Committee to reflect stock dividends, stock splits, reverse stock splits, and other corporate events or transactions, including, without limitation, distributions of stock or property other than normal cash dividends. The Compensation Committee may also make adjustments to reflect unusual or nonrecurring events.

#### Administration

The Compensation Committee is responsible for administering the Plan and has the discretionary power to interpret the terms and intent of the Plan and any Plan-related documentation, to determine eligibility for awards and the terms and conditions of awards, and to adopt rules, regulations, forms, instruments, and guidelines. Determinations of the Compensation Committee made under the Plan are final and binding. The Compensation Committee may delegate administrative duties and powers to one or more of its members or to one or more officers, agents, or advisors. The Compensation Committee may also delegate to one or more of our officers the power to designate other employees (other than officers subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) and third-party service providers to be recipients of awards.

### Eligibility

Employees, Directors, and third-party service providers of the Company and its subsidiaries who are selected by the Compensation Committee are eligible to participate in the Plan. There are currently approximately 3,000 eligible employees, nine eligible Directors, and various third-party service providers.

### Types of Awards

The Plan provides that the Compensation Committee may grant awards of various types. A description of each of the types of awards follows.

### Stock Options

The Compensation Committee may grant both ISOs and NQSOs under the Plan. In accordance with the requirements for ISOs set forth in the Code, eligibility for ISOs is limited to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. The exercise price for options cannot be less than the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. The latest expiration date cannot be later than the 10th anniversary of the date of grant (for an ISO, the 5th anniversary of the date of grant if the recipient is a more than 10% shareholder). Fair market value under the Plan means, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, the average of the opening and closing stock prices on the applicable date as reported by the Nasdaq Stock Market. The exercise price may be paid with cash or its equivalent, with previously acquired shares of common stock, or by other means approved by the Compensation Committee, including by means of a broker-assisted exercise.

### SARs

The Compensation Committee may grant SARs under the Plan either alone or in tandem with stock options. The grant price of an SAR cannot be less than the fair market value of our common stock at the time of grant. The grant price of an SAR granted in tandem with a stock option will be the same as the option price of the tandem option. SARs cannot be exercised later than the tenth (10th) anniversary of the date of grant.

Freestanding SARs may be exercised on such terms as the Compensation Committee determines and tandem SARs may be exercised by relinquishing the related portion of the tandem option. Upon exercise of an SAR, the holder will receive from the Company shares of our common stock, cash, or a combination of shares and cash, as determined by the Compensation Committee, equal in value to the difference between the fair market value of the common stock subject to the SAR, determined as described above, and the grant price.

### Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

The Compensation Committee may award restricted stock and restricted stock units. Restricted stock awards consist of shares of our common stock that are transferred to the participant subject to restrictions that may result in forfeiture if specified conditions are not satisfied. Restricted stock unit awards result in the transfer of shares of our common stock to the participant only after specified conditions are satisfied. A holder of restricted stock is treated as a current shareholder and is entitled to dividend and voting rights, whereas the holder of a restricted stock unit award is treated as a shareholder with respect to the award only when the shares of common stock are delivered in the future. The Compensation Committee will determine the restrictions and conditions applicable to each award of restricted stock or restricted stock units.

### Deferred Stock Units

The Compensation Committee may award deferred stock units. Deferred stock units consist of a vested right to receive a share of our common stock or cash at some future date. The holder of a deferred stock unit award is only treated as a shareholder when the shares of common stock are delivered at the future date. The Compensation Committee determines the conditions applicable to each award of deferred stock units.

#### Performance Awards

Our Board of Directors may grant performance awards subject to the fulfillment of conditions and the attainment of performance goals over such periods as the Board determines in writing and sets forth in a written agreement between the Company and the participant. To the extent compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code is desired, a committee comprised solely of “outside directors” under Section 162(m) must act with respect to performance awards, and “Board” as used in this section shall include this committee. These awards may be designated as performance shares or performance

units. Performance shares and performance units are unfunded bookkeeping entries generally having an initial value equal to the fair market value of a share of our common stock determined on the grant date and a value set by the Board, respectively. Performance awards specify a predetermined amount of performance shares or performance units that may be earned by the participant to the extent that one or more predetermined performance goals are attained within the predetermined performance period. To the extent earned, performance awards may be settled in cash, shares of our common stock (including shares of restricted stock), or a combination thereof.

Prior to the start of the applicable performance period, or as permitted pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code, the Board establishes one or more performance goals applicable to the award. Performance goals are based on the attainment of specified target levels with respect to one or more selected measures of business or financial performance. The performance goals may vary from participant to participant, group to group, and period to period. The performance goals for performance unit and performance share awards and any other awards granted under the Plan that are intended to constitute “qualified performance-based compensation” will be based upon one or more of the following:

- Net earnings or net income (before or after taxes);
- Operating earnings or income;
- Earnings or diluted earnings per share;
- Net sales or revenue growth;
- Net operating profit;
- Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, net assets, capital investment, invested capital, equity, shareholders’ equity sales, or revenue);
- Cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity, cash flow return on capital, and cash flow return on investment);
- Earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization;
- Gross or operating margins;
- Productivity ratios;
- Share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return);
- Expense targets;
- Debt reduction;
- Cost reduction or savings;
- Margins;

- Operating efficiency;
- Market share;
- Customer and/or employee satisfaction;
- Safety;
- Working capital targets and change in working capital; and
- Economic value added or EVA® (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital).

The Compensation Committee will determine whether the performance targets or goals that have been chosen for a particular performance award have been met and may provide in an award that any evaluation of performance may include or exclude any of the following that are objectively determinable and that occur during the performance period to which the award is subject: asset write-downs, litigation, claims, judgments, or settlements; the effect of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or provisions affecting reporting results; any reorganization and restructuring programs; extraordinary nonrecurring items as described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification No. 225-20 (or any successor standard thereto) and/or in management's discussion of financial condition and results of operations appearing in our annual report to shareholders for the applicable year; acquisitions or divestitures; and foreign exchange gains and losses.

Awards that are designed to qualify as performance-based compensation may not be adjusted upward. However, the Compensation Committee has the discretion to adjust these awards downward. In addition, the Compensation Committee has the discretion to make awards that do not qualify as performance-based compensation. Generally, awards may be paid in the form of cash, shares of our common stock, or in any combination, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

#### Other Stock-Based Awards

The Compensation Committee may grant equity-based or equity-related awards, referred to as other stock-based awards, other than options, SARs, restricted stock, restricted stock units, or performance shares. The terms and conditions of each other stock-based award shall be determined by the Compensation Committee. Payment under any other stock-based awards will be made in shares of our common stock or cash, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

#### Cash-Based Awards

The Compensation Committee may grant cash-based awards. The terms and conditions, including whether the vesting of such awards is dependent upon the achievement of specific performance goals, of each cash-based award shall be determined by the Compensation Committee. Payment under any cash-based award will be made in shares of our common stock or cash, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

#### Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards

The Compensation Committee may designate and grant executives who are or may become Covered Employees annual incentive awards based on achievement of performance goals established using one or more performance measures (which are set forth in the Performance Awards section above) for the year. The maximum amount any Covered Employee can receive pursuant to these awards is \$4,000,000 in any year. The Compensation Committee cannot adjust these awards above the maximum amount established for each Covered Employee at the beginning of a plan year, but retains the discretion to reduce the awards based on its evaluation of the Company and individual performance.

#### Substitution Awards

The Compensation Committee may grant awards ("Substitution Awards") under the Plan in substitution for stock options and other awards held by employees and directors of other entities who are about to become employees or affiliated with us or any of our affiliates, or whose employer or corporation with respect to which it provides services is about to become an affiliate as the result of a merger or consolidation of our Company with another corporation, or the acquisition by us of substantially all the assets of another corporation, or the acquisition by us of at least 50% of the issued and outstanding stock of another corporation as the result of which such other corporation will become a



subsidiary of our Company. The terms and conditions of such substitute awards may vary from the requirements in the Plan to the extent our Board of Directors deems appropriate to conform, in whole or in part, to the provisions of the award in substitution for which they are granted. To the extent any Shares are issued under the Plan as substitution awards, such Shares shall not count against the Share Authorization.

#### Termination of Employment/Service

The Compensation Committee will determine how each award will be treated following termination of the holder's employment with or service for our Company, including the extent to which unvested portions of the award will be forfeited and the extent to which options, SARs, or other awards requiring exercise will remain exercisable.

Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee and set forth in an award agreement, the following treatment upon termination of employment will apply:

Type of Termination	Time-Vested Stock Options and SARs	Other Time-Vested Awards	Performance-Vested Awards
For any reason other than the following	· Unvested: forfeited  Vested: 30 days following the later of termination or any period of non-trading to exercise All non-expired options become vested and exercisable at termination date and they expire on the 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of termination.	· Unvested: forfeited	· Unvested: forfeited  Vested, but unexercised: 30 days following the later of termination or any period of non-trading to exercise
Death or Disability		· Unvested: immediately vest	Vest according to the same schedule and formula as if still employed at the end of the performance period based on performance through end of period
Retirement	All options will continue to be and become exercisable as if individual was still employed. All options expire on the 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of termination.	· Unvested: immediately vest	Vest according to the same schedule and formula as if still employed at the end of the performance period based on performance through end of period
Cause	All options expire on termination.	All unvested time-vested awards forfeit immediately	All performance-vested awards forfeit immediately.

#### Treatment of Awards Upon a Change in Control and Related Transactions

Unless the Compensation Committee determines otherwise in an award agreement, if there is a change in control of the Company, awards granted under the Plan will have their vesting and payment accelerated based on a “double trigger” which requires the occurrence of a change in control coupled with the termination or diminution of a participant’s employment or service, duties or pay levels to the Company within two years thereafter.

Under the Plan, a change in control may be triggered if there is an acquisition of 20% or more of the outstanding shares or the voting power of the outstanding securities, individuals on the board cease to constitute a majority of the board, or there is consummation of a reorganization, merger, or consolidation or sale of our Company or any of our subsidiaries or a disposition of all or substantially all of our assets, unless shareholders continue to own more than 60% of the outstanding voting securities, no person beneficially owns 20% or more of our outstanding securities, and at least a majority of the members of the Board of Directors were members of the Board prior to the transaction.

#### Awards Subject to Clawback/Recoupment

The awards granted under the Plan and any cash payment or shares delivered pursuant to such an award are subject to forfeiture, recovery by the Company or other action pursuant to the applicable award agreement or any clawback or recoupment policy which the Company may adopt from time to time, including without limitation any such policy which the Company may be required to adopt under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and implementing rules and regulations thereunder, or as otherwise required by law.

#### Amendment of Awards or Plan and Adjustment of Awards

The Compensation Committee may at any time alter, amend, modify, suspend, or terminate the Plan or any outstanding award in whole or in part. No amendment of the Plan will be made without shareholder approval if shareholder approval is required by law. No amendment may adversely affect the rights of any participant without his or her consent under an outstanding award, unless specifically provided for in the Plan.

### Additional Provisions

Neither ISOs nor, except as the Compensation Committee otherwise expressly determines, other awards may be transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. During a recipient's lifetime, an ISO and, except as the Compensation Committee may determine, other non-transferable awards requiring exercise, may be exercised only by the recipient.

If provided in the award agreement, a participant's rights to an award may be subject to a participant agreeing to not compete with Columbus McKinnon or any of its subsidiaries, and to not solicit our business or employees. In addition, participants may be subject to non-disclosure and non-disparagement requirements. A breach of these restrictions may result in cancellation of awards or the recovery by us of gain realized under an award.

### Nonemployee Director Awards

The Plan can also be used to grant equity awards to our non-employee Directors, so that they too will develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company, and so that their interests will be more aligned with those of our shareholders.

Nonemployee directors can be granted any of the awards available under the Plan, except ISOs which are only available for employees. The Board shall from time to time determine the nature and number of awards to be granted to nonemployee directors.

### New Plan Benefits

The future benefits or amounts that would be received under the Plan by our executive officers, non-executive Directors, and non-executive officer employees are discretionary and therefore generally are not determinable. In addition, the benefits or amounts that would have been received by or allocated to such persons for the last completed fiscal year if the Plan had been in effect cannot be determined. However, Fiscal 2017 annual equity grants occurred on May 23, 2016, in which stock options were granted under the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan and restricted stock units and performance shares under this proposed 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan, subject to shareholder approval, as follows:

Name and Position	Restricted Stock Units		Performance Shares	
	Dollar Value (\$)	Number of Units	Dollar Value (\$)	Number of Units
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	\$425,833	27,687	\$425,833	27,687
Gene P. Buer, Vice President Solutions Group	\$91,350	5,940	\$91,350	5,940
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	\$89,325	5,808	\$89,325	5,808
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	\$139,400	9,064	\$139,400	9,064
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President - Americas	\$88,350	5,744	\$88,350	5,744
Executive Group	\$1,111,383	72,261	\$1,111,383	72,261
Non-Executive Bd. of Director Group	\$0	0	\$0	0
Non-Executive Officer & Employee Group	\$329,184	21,404	\$0	0

### Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences



The following discussion summarizes certain federal income tax consequences of the issuance and receipt of options under the Plan under the law as in effect on the date of this proxy statement. The summary does not purport to cover all federal employment tax or other federal tax consequences that may be associated with the Plan, nor does it cover state, local, or non-U.S. taxes.

#### Incentive Stock Options ("ISO")

An employee generally realizes no taxable income upon the grant or exercise of an ISO. However, the exercise of an ISO may result in an alternative minimum tax liability to the employee. With some exceptions, a disposition of shares purchased under an ISO within two years from the date of grant or within one year after exercise produces ordinary income to the optionee equal to the value of the shares at the time of exercise less the exercise price. The same amount is deductible by us as compensation, provided that income taxes are withheld from the employee. Any additional gain recognized in the disposition is treated as a capital gain for which we are not entitled to a deduction. If the employee exercises an ISO and satisfies the holding period requirements, we may not deduct any amount in connection with the ISO.

In general, an ISO that is exercised by the optionee more than three months after termination of employment is treated as an NQSO. ISOs are also treated as NQSOs to the extent they first become exercisable by an individual in any calendar year for shares having a fair market value (determined as of the date of grant) in excess of \$100,000.

#### Nonqualified Stock Options ("NQSO")

An optionee generally has no taxable income at the time of grant of an NQSO, but realizes income in connection with exercise of the option in an amount equal to the excess (at the time of exercise) of the fair market value of shares acquired upon exercise over the exercise price. For employee optionees, the same amount is deductible by us as compensation, provided that income taxes are withheld from the employee. Upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the shares, any recognized gain or loss after the date of exercise is treated as capital gain or loss for which we are not entitled to a deduction.

#### Other

Awards under the Plan may be subject to tax withholding. Where an award results in income subject to withholding, we may require the participant to remit the necessary taxes to us. If the Compensation Committee approves, participants may satisfy their tax withholding requirements by causing shares of our common stock to be withheld.

In general, under Section 162(m) of the Code, remuneration paid by a public corporation to its chief executive officer or any of its other top four named executive officers, ranked by pay, is not deductible to the extent it exceeds \$1,000,000 for any year. Taxable payments or benefits under the Plan may be subject to this deduction limit. However, under Section 162(m) of the Code, qualifying performance-based compensation, including income from stock options and other performance-based awards that are made under shareholder-approved plans and that meet certain other requirements, is exempt from the deduction limitation. The Plan has been designed so that the Compensation Committee in its discretion may grant qualifying exempt performance-based awards under the Plan.

Under the so-called "golden parachute" provisions of the Code, the accelerated vesting of stock options and benefits paid under other awards in connection with a change in control of a corporation may be required to be valued and taken into account in determining whether participants have received compensatory payments, contingent on the change in control, in excess of certain limits. If these limits are exceeded, a portion of the amounts payable to the participant may be subject to an additional 20% federal tax and may be nondeductible to the corporation.

If any award granted under the Plan is considered deferred compensation under Code Section 409A, then certain requirements must be met to have the deferral be effective for federal tax purposes. These requirements include ensuring that any election to defer made by participants is done within the time period(s) permitted by Code Section 409A; limitations on distributions; and the prohibition of accelerating the time or schedule of any payment of deferred amounts except in circumstances permitted by the U.S. Treasury Department. If these requirements are not met, a participant will be immediately taxed on such purportedly deferred amounts, a penalty of 20% of such amounts deferred after December 31, 2004 will be imposed, and penalty interest will accrue at the underpayment rate plus 1%.

## Other Information

If approved by stockholders, the Plan will be effective on July 18, 2016, no awards will be made under the Prior Plans after July 18, 2016, and no awards will be made under the Plan after July 18, 2026. Any awards granted before July 18, 2026 may extend beyond the expiration or termination date.

The Plan provides that an award may not be transferred except in the event of the employee's death or unless otherwise required by law. Other terms and conditions of each award will be set forth in award agreements, which can be amended by the Compensation Committee. Awards under the Plan may earn dividends or dividend equivalents, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

It is presently intended that the Plan constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. The Plan authorizes the creation of trusts and other arrangements to facilitate or ensure payment of the Company's obligations.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information about our common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of our existing equity compensation plans as of March 31, 2016, including the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan and the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc..

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (excluding securities reflected in first column)	
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	718,801	\$ 20.13	497,419	(1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0	\$ 0	0	
Total	718,801	\$ 20.13	497,419	

(1) 291,817 shares remained available for issuance as options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Performance Shares under the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan and 205,602 shares remained available for issuance the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc. as of March 31, 2016.

As of May 23, 2016, the total number of options outstanding was 1,048,626 with a weighted-average exercise price of \$18.56 and a weighted average contractual life of 7.6 years. There are a total of 359,380 share awards (other than Options or SARs) outstanding on May 23, 2016. As of May 23, 2016, 216,483 shares remained available for issuance as options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units or Performance Shares under the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan and the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc. If the 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan is approved by shareholders, no further awards will be made pursuant to the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan or the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc. The Company will not grant awards that will be settled with stock under the 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan or the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc. from May 23, 2016



through the annual shareholder r meeting on July 18, 2016.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS UNANIMOUSLY A VOTE “FOR” THE ADOPTION OF THE  
COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION 2016 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### General Corporate Governance Policy

Our Board of Directors believes that its overriding responsibility is to offer guidance and the benefit of its collective experience to help our management understand the risks confronting, and opportunities available to, our Company. In furtherance of this responsibility, our Board of Directors has adopted a General Corporate Governance Policy setting forth certain policies, guidelines and procedures it deems important to the successful satisfaction of this responsibility. These policies and procedures include guidelines as to the eligibility, independence, evaluation, education, succession planning, compensation and indemnification of our Directors, as well as with respect to specific transactions requiring the prior formal approval of our Board of Directors. A copy of our General Corporate Governance Policy is posted on the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at [www.cmworks.com](http://www.cmworks.com).

### Board Leadership Structure

The roles of the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer have been served by separate individuals since 1998. We believe this leadership structure supports our belief that it is the Chief Executive Officer's responsibility to manage the Company and the Chairman's responsibility to manage the Board. Since Mr. Verebelyi's election as our Chairman of the Board in August 2005, that position has been filled by an independent Director. As directors continue to have more oversight responsibilities than ever before, we believe it is beneficial to have an independent Chairman whose sole job is leading the Board.

We believe our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board have an excellent working relationship that has allowed Mr. Tevens to focus on the challenges that the Company is facing in the current business environment. By separating the roles of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer positions, we ensure there is no duplication of effort between them. We believe this provides strong leadership for our Board of Directors, while also positioning our Chief Executive Officer as the leader of the Company in the eyes of our customers, employees and other stakeholders. As part of our annual Board of Directors self-evaluation process, we evaluate our leadership structure to ensure that it continues to provide the optimal structure for our Company and shareholders. A Chair rotation and succession schedule is reviewed and updated annually by the Board in addition to the Chairman conducting individual reviews with the Directors on their interests and thoughts around Chair candidates, rotation and succession. We believe our current leadership structure is the optimal structure for our Company at this time.

### Board Composition and Diversity

Our Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee is responsible for developing the general criteria, subject to approval by our Board of Directors, for use in identifying, evaluating and selecting qualified candidates for election or re-election to the Board. The Governance and Nomination Committee annually reviews the appropriate skills and characteristics required of Board members in the context of the current composition of the Board including, reviewing and updating a Board competency skills matrix for each Director. The Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee, in recommending candidates for election or re-election to the Board, seeks to create a Board that is strong in its collective knowledge and has a diversity of skills and experience with respect to accounting and finance, management and leadership, vision and strategy, business operations, business judgment, industry knowledge, corporate governance and global markets. When the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee review a potential new candidate, it looks specifically at the candidate's qualifications in light of the needs of the Board and the Company at that time, given the attributes of the existing Directors.

Although the Company has no policy regarding diversity, the charter of the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee includes as a statement of responsibility that the Committee assure that the composition of the Board of Directors includes appropriate breadth, depth and diversity of experience and capabilities. In identifying candidates for Director, the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee and the Board of Directors take into account (i) the

comments and recommendations of Directors made in connection with the Board's annual self-evaluation regarding the qualifications and effectiveness of the existing Board of Directors or additional qualifications that may be required when selecting new board members, (ii) the requisite expertise and sufficiently diverse backgrounds of the Board of Directors' overall composition, (iii) the independence of outside Directors and other possible conflicts of interest of existing and potential members of the Board of Directors and (iv) all other factors it considers appropriate.

With respect to the nominees for re-election to the Board set forth in this proxy statement, the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee and the Board of Directors focused primarily on the information discussed in each of the Directors' individual biographies set above. In particular, with regard to Mr. Verebelyi, the Board of Directors and the Corporate Governance and the Nomination Committee considered his strong background in the manufacturing sector, believing that his experience and leadership with large multinational manufacturing corporations is invaluable in evaluating the performance of management and other aspects of the Company. With regard to Mr. Fleming, strong consideration was given to his significant experience, expertise and background with regard to finance and accounting matters and strategic planning, including his role as chief financial officer of a global, publicly held corporation. With regard to Mr. Mitts strong consideration was given to his significant public company financial operations experience, international industrial experience in the Asia Pacific region and age diversity. The Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee and the Board of Directors also considered the broad perspective brought by the experience of Messrs. Pinchuk, Rabinowitz, McCarthy and Trumbull as senior executives of manufacturing companies with extensive international operations, which is very valuable to the Company as it strives to increase its global presence. With regard to Ms. Goodspeed, her strong background in information technology was strongly regarded, since the integration of the Company's technology platforms across its global enterprise is an important factor in the Company's growth strategy. The Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee and the Board of Directors also considered the 24 years of experience with the Company represented by Mr. Tevens, our Chief Executive Officer.

#### Board of Directors Independence

Our Board of Directors has determined that each of its current members, other than Mr. Tevens, is independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., listing standards as currently in effect.

#### Board of Directors Meetings and Attendance

The Board of Directors and its committees meet regularly throughout the year and also hold special meetings and act by written consent from time to time as appropriate. All Directors are expected to attend each meeting of the Board of Directors and the committees on which he or she serves, and are also invited, but not required, to attend the Annual Meeting. Agendas for meetings of the Board of Directors include executive sessions for the independent Directors to meet without the management Director present. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, our Board of Directors held twelve (12) meetings. Each Director has attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of our Board of Directors and meetings held by all committees of our Board of Directors on which he or she served. All Directors attended the 2015 Annual Shareholder Meeting.

#### Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors oversees an enterprise-wide approach to risk management, designed to support the achievement of organizational objectives, including strategic objectives, to improve long-term organizational performance and enhance shareholder value. A fundamental part of the Company's risk management is not only understanding the risks it faces and what steps management is taking to manage those risks, but also understanding what level of risk is appropriate for the Company. The involvement of the full Board of Directors in setting the Company's business strategy is a key part of its assessment of management's appetite for risk and also a determination of what constitutes an appropriate level of risk for the Company.

While the Board of Directors has the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, various committees of the Board also have responsibility for risk management. In particular, the Audit Committee oversees the Company's enterprise risk management process, as well as focuses on financial and fraud risks, including internal controls, and receives an annual risk assessment report from the Company's internal auditors. The Company's General Counsel and his staff assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibility with respect to regulatory compliance and legal issues that affect the Company. In addition, in setting compensation, the Compensation

Committee strives to create incentives that encourage a level of risk-taking behavior consistent with the Company's business strategy and goals.

Audit Committee

Our Board of Directors has a standing Audit Committee comprised of Mr. Trumbull, as Chairman, and Messrs. Rabinowitz, Fleming, McCarthy and Mitts. Each member of our Audit Committee is independent as defined under Section 10A(m) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and section 3 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and under the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., rules currently in effect. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, our Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Trumbull, Fleming and Mitts qualify as "audit committee financial experts." The duties of our Audit Committee consist of (i) appointing or replacing our independent

auditors, (ii) pre-approving all auditing and permitted non-audit services provided to us by our independent auditors, (iii) reviewing with our independent auditors and our management the scope and results of our annual audited financial statements, our effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, our quarterly financial statements and significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of our financial statements, (iv) reviewing our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls, (v) reviewing insider and affiliated party transactions (vi) establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting or internal controls and (vii) overseeing the enterprise risk management system. The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter approved by the Board of Directors. A copy of this charter is posted on the Investor Relations section of our website at [www.cmworks.com](http://www.cmworks.com). Our Audit Committee held six (6) meetings in fiscal year 2016.

#### Compensation and Succession Committee

Our Compensation and Succession Committee consists of Mr. Rabinowitz, as Chairman, Ms. Goodspeed and Messrs. Pinchuk, McCarthy and Trumbull. Each Director who serves on the Compensation and Succession Committee is an independent Director under the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., rules currently in effect. The principal functions of this Committee are to (i) review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning our compensation strategy, (ii) establish corporate performance measures and goals under our performance-based incentive programs, (iii) determine individual compensation targets for our executive officers under our incentive programs, (iv) evaluate and certify whether performance goals have been met at the end of the performance period, (v) determine salary increases and award amounts for individual executive officers, (vi) review and approve (or recommend to the Board of Directors for approval) any material changes to our salary, incentive, and benefit programs and assure that these programs are administered in a manner consistent with the compensation strategy, (vii) review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning equity grants, (viii) assess and evaluate risk in connection with our compensation plans and programs, (ix) review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning compensation and bonus for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and (x) perform other functions as identified in the Compensation and Succession Committee charter. The Compensation and Succession Committee is governed by a written charter approved by the Board of Directors which is posted on the Investor Relations section of our website at [www.cmworks.com](http://www.cmworks.com). Our Compensation and Succession Committee held four (4) meetings in fiscal year 2016. Additional information on the Compensation and Succession Committee's processes and procedures are addressed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis below.

#### Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee

Our Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee is responsible for (i) evaluating the composition, skills, organization and governance of our Board of Directors and its committees, (ii) monitoring compliance with our system of corporate governance and (iii) developing criteria, investigating and making recommendations with respect to candidates for membership on our Board of Directors. This Committee is chaired by Mr. Fleming and includes Ms. Goodspeed and Messrs. Pinchuk and Mitts. Each member of the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee is an independent Director under the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., rules currently in effect. Our Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee does not solicit direct nominations from our shareholders, but will give due consideration to written recommendations for nominees from our shareholders for election as directors that are submitted in accordance with our By-Laws. See the information contained in our By-Laws under the heading "Shareholders' Proposals." Generally, a shareholder who wishes to nominate a candidate for Director must give us prior written notice thereof, which notice must be personally delivered or mailed via registered first class mail, return receipt requested, to our Secretary and must be received by our Secretary not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the one-year anniversary of the previous year's Annual Meeting. If such nomination is given in connection with a special meeting for the election of Directors, it must be received not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the

close of business on the later of (i) the 90 th day prior to such special meeting or (ii) the 10 th day following the day on which the public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board to be elected at such meeting. The shareholder's recommendation for nomination must contain the following information as to each nominee for Director: the nominee's name, age, business address and residence address; the nominee's principal occupation or employment for the previous five years; the number of shares of our common stock owned by such candidate; and any other information relating to the nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for elections of directors pursuant to our By-Laws and Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act. A shareholder's recommendation must also set forth: such shareholder's name and address as they appear on our books and records; the number of shares of each class of our capital stock that are beneficially owned and held of record by such shareholder; any material interest of such shareholder in such nomination; any other information that is required to be provided by such shareholder pursuant to our By-Laws and Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in his or her capacity as a proponent to a shareholder proposal; and a signed consent from each nominee recommended by such shareholder that such nominee is willing to serve as a Director if elected. Any nomination not made in strict accordance with the foregoing provisions will be disregarded at the direction of our Chairman of the Board. The Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee is governed by a written charter approved by the Board of Directors which is posted on

the Investor Relations section of our website at [www.cmworks.com](http://www.cmworks.com). Our Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee held six (6) meetings in fiscal year 2016.

#### Code of Ethics

Our Board of Directors adopted a Code of Ethics which governs all of our Directors, officers and employees, including our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers. This Code of Ethics is posted on the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at [www.cmworks.com](http://www.cmworks.com). The Company will disclose on its website any amendment to this Code of Ethics or waiver of a provision of this Code of Ethics, including the name of any person to whom the waiver was granted.

#### Director Stock Ownership Guideline

Our General Corporate Governance Policy contains a guideline whereby all Directors are asked to beneficially own not less than 9,000 shares of our common stock within five years of becoming a Director. Any Restricted Stock Units granted to a Director pursuant to the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Plan") or any successor plan are included in determining the number of shares owned by such Director for these purposes. All Directors are in compliance with this Policy.

#### Director Compensation

The following table sets forth the annual target compensation provided to the Company's Directors during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016:

Director	Annual Retainer Cash (\$)	Annual Retainer – Stock (\$)	Restricted Stock Units (1) (\$)	Chairman of the Board (\$)	Committee Chair Fees (\$)	Target Annual Compensation (\$)
Heath A. Mitts	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	—	133,640
Richard H. Fleming	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	8,000	141,640
Linda A. Goodspeed	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	—	133,640
Liam G. McCarthy	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	—	133,640
Nicholas T. Pinchuk	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	—	133,640
Stephen Rabinowitz	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	10,000	143,640
Timothy T. Tevens (2)	—	—	—	—	—	—
R. Scott Trumbull	55,000	55,000	23,640	—	16,000	149,640
Ernest R. Verebelyi	55,000	55,000	23,640	45,000	—	178,640

(1) Each Director is granted 1,500 restricted stock units annually which vest over 3 years. Shares are valued based upon the March 31, 2016 closing price of \$15.76 per share.

(2) Mr. Tevens receives no separate compensation as a Director of the Company.



The following table provides the taxable compensation received by the Directors during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. Unless otherwise noted, "Other Compensation" represents the cash payment of fractional shares.

Director	Annual Retainer (Cash) (\$)	Annual Retainer (Stock) (1) (\$)	Chairman of the Board (\$)	Committee Chair Fees (\$)	Other Compensation (\$)	Total Annual Fees (2) (\$)
Heath A. Mitts	41,250	89,052	—	—	—	130,302
Richard H. Fleming	55,000	89,052	—	16,000	36	160,088
Linda A. Goodspeed	55,000	89,052	—	—	36	144,088
Liam G. McCarthy	55,000	89,052	—	—	36	144,088
Nicholas T. Pinchuk	55,000	89,052	—	—	36	144,088
Stephen Rabinowitz	55,000	89,052	—	10,000	36	154,088
R. Scott Trumbull	55,000	89,052	—	16,000	36	160,088
Ernest R. Verebelyi	55,000	89,052	45,000	—	36	189,088

Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 of awards of restricted stock using the assumptions set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements in our Annual Report on (1) Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. This figure includes the 1,500 restricted stock units granted annually which vest over 3 years, as well as the \$55,002 in shares that were granted with immediate vesting provisions.

(2) No additional fees are paid for attendance at Board of Director or committee meetings. Our Directors are reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in attending such meetings.

#### Directors' and Officers' Indemnification Insurance

Effective April 1, 2016, we renewed our directors and officers indemnification insurance coverage for a term of one year at a cost of \$308,000.

#### Contacting the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has adopted a written policy regarding communications with our Board of Directors. A copy of this policy is posted on the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at [www.cmworks.com](http://www.cmworks.com).

## OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers:

Name	Age	Position
Timothy T. Tevens	60	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Gene P. Buer	64	Vice President - Solutions Group
Dr. Ivo Celi	54	Vice President - EMEA
Alan S. Korman	55	Vice President Corporate Development, General Counsel & Corp. Secretary
Mark Paradowski	46	Vice President - Information Services
Gregory P. Rustowicz	56	Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Kurt F. Wozniak	52	Vice President - Americas
Benjamin AuYeung	52	Vice President - APAC

All of our executive officers are elected annually at the first meeting of our Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and serve at the discretion of our Board of Directors. There are no family relationships between any of our officers or Directors. Recent business experience of Mr. Tevens is set forth above under "Election of Directors." Recent business experience of our executive officers who are not also Directors is as follows:

Gene P. Buer joined the Company in October, 2005 and in March, 2016 was named Vice President - Solutions Group. Prior to that, on April 1, 2014 he was named Vice President - Global Services & Vertical Markets and previously served as Vice President North America & Global Vertical Markets. From July 2010 to April 2013, he served as our Vice President - Hoist & Rigging - Americas. Mr. Buer served as Vice President Hoist Products - The Americas from May 2009 to July 2010. In April 2007, he also assumed the position of Executive Director of our CM Hoist division. Prior to joining our Company, Mr. Buer owned and operated a marketing and business consulting service from October 2003 to October 2005.

Dr. Ivo Celi joined Columbus McKinnon in early 2010 as the Managing Director - EMEA successor and assumed that position effective April 1, 2010. He was elected Vice President - EMEA in July, 2011. Prior to joining Columbus McKinnon, Dr. Celi progressed through roles of increasing responsibility with Hilti AG, most recently as Senior Vice President - Business Unit Diamond Systems.

Alan S. Korman joined our Company in January, 2011 as General Counsel and Assistant Secretary. In July 2011, he was elected Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. In 2015 he assumed the role of Corporate Development and his title changed in 2016 to Vice President Corporate Development, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. From 1994 until January 2011, he served in various senior executive positions of responsibility at Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc., including Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and President of Pentron Ceramics, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary. Prior to joining Ivoclar Vivadent, Mr. Korman was engaged in private practice at the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP.

Mark Paradowski joined the Company in 1997 as a Technical Manager. In August, 2013, he was named Vice President - Information Services. Prior to that, he served as Director - Global Information Systems after having served as Director Information Services. Before joining the company, Mr. Paradowski held various positions with Oracle Corporation and Electronic Data Systems (EDS).

Gregory P. Rustowicz joined the Company in August, 2011 as Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer. From 2007, he was Vice President Finance and Corporate Treasurer at Momentive Performance Materials Inc. Prior

thereto, he spent 20 years in various financial management positions for PPG Industries, Inc, including Group CFO for the Glass, Fiber Glass and Chemicals Businesses, CFO for Transitions Optical, Inc., and Assistant Treasurer and Global Credit Director. Prior to PPG, he worked as a CPA for KPMG.

Kurt F. Wozniak joined Columbus McKinnon in 1999. He was named Vice President - Americas on April 1, 2014. Since July 2012, he served as the Vice President - Latin America. Prior to that, he had been Managing Director - Latin America since July 2010. He has also served as Director, Corporate Development and Director, Materials Management. Previously, Mr. Wozniak was a management consultant with Ernst & Young LLP.

Benjamin AuYeung joined Columbus McKinnon in August, 2012 as Managing Director, China. He was elected Vice President - APAC in July, 2015. Prior to joining Columbus McKinnon, Mr. AuYeung held various positions with Cummins from 1992 to 2011, most recently as General Manager, APAC for Cummins Filtration Business Unit.

## COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

### Compensation and Succession Committee Report on Executive Compensation

The Compensation and Succession Committee of the Board of Directors recommends the compensation for our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to the full Board of Directors for approval and approves the compensation for our other executive officers. This Committee is composed entirely of Directors who are neither executive officers nor employees ("associates") of our Company. In addition, the Compensation and Succession Committee recommends grants under our 2010 and 2016 Long Term Incentive Plans and oversees the administration of other compensation plans and programs.

The Compensation and Succession Committee has reviewed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth below and has discussed it with management. In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Compensation and Succession Committee recommended to the Board of Directors (and the Board has approved) that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement and in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2016 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

May 22, 2016 Stephen Rabinowitz, Chairman

Linda A. Goodspeed

Liam G. McCarthy

Nicholas T. Pinchuk

R. Scott Trumbull

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Overview

We are a leading worldwide designer, manufacturer and marketer of material handling products, systems and services, which efficiently and ergonomically move, lift, position and secure materials. Key products include hoists, cranes, actuators, rigging tools and digital power and motion control systems. We are focused on commercial and industrial applications that require the safety and quality provided by our superior design and engineering know-how.

The successful execution of our business strategy depends on our ability to attract, motivate, reward and retain executive talent with the skills to foster innovative product and service development and grow the business in developing markets with the greatest opportunity. Our executive compensation program is designed to support this strategy by:

attracting and retaining key executive talent by offering a competitive compensation program;

motivating executive actions that lead to sustained superior performance; and

aligning executive compensation with returns delivered to shareholders.

### Overview of Fiscal Year 2016 Business Results and Performance-Based Compensation

For fiscal year 2016, our priorities centered around increasing shareholder value by driving profitable growth. Accordingly, our Annual Incentive Plan for fiscal year 2016 was designed to focus on increasing consolidated

operating income and revenue, targeted regional operating income and revenue and certain strategic accomplishments. Our results in fiscal year 2016 were lower than the aggressive plans that were set at the beginning of the fiscal year. A severe downturn in certain key end markets affected the ability of the team to accomplish their goals. Accordingly, actual Annual Incentive Plan compensation earned by the Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") for fiscal year 2016 averaged approximately 19.1% of the target annual incentive compensation opportunities established for each NEO at the start of the fiscal year.

Our NEOs received one-third of their fiscal year 2016 long-term incentive compensation in the form of performance restricted stock units which are contingent upon consolidated revenue results for the two year measurement period of fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Therefore, no fiscal year 2016 performance stock awards were earned during fiscal 2016.

Further details regarding fiscal year 2016 performance can be found in the "Components of Compensation" section.

#### Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

In making decisions with respect to compensation for our NEOs and other executives, the Compensation and Succession Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") is guided by the following objectives:

Our compensation program should be comprehensive, consisting of base salary, annual incentives, long-term incentives and benefits, designed to support our objective of providing superior value to shareholders and customers; Our compensation program should be designed to motivate and reward our executives for sustained superior performance through the use of variable compensation tied to short, intermediate and long term results; and Our business success depends on our ability to attract and retain executive talent by providing competitive compensation opportunities.

#### The Compensation and Succession Committee's Role

Our compensation program is administered by the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee establishes performance objectives for the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") based on our annual business plan and long term strategic goals approved by the Board of Directors. Progress against these goals is monitored by the Compensation Committee on a quarterly basis. The Compensation Committee evaluates the CEO's performance against these goals annually, with input to the evaluation from all independent Directors. The Compensation Committee also considers market data validated by our independent consultant, comparisons of our performance to our peers, strategic achievements during the year, such as acquisitions and their integration into our business and value-creating divestitures. Based on these factors, the Compensation Committee makes recommendations concerning base salary increases, annual incentive award targets and payments under the Annual Incentive Plan and targets and awards under our long-term incentive program. The Compensation Committee has regularly-scheduled executive sessions to discuss CEO performance and compensation and other matters without any executive officers present. All aspects of the CEO's compensation are approved by our full Board of Directors upon recommendations made by the Compensation Committee, which is comprised totally of independent Directors.

Except for the CEO and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), the Compensation Committee reviews and approves base salary increases, Annual Incentive Plan targets and awards, long-term incentive program targets and awards and similar arrangements for the other NEOs in the Summary Compensation Table below after receiving recommendations from our CEO with input from the Vice President - Human Resources and our independent consultant. The Compensation Committee makes the final decision and approves compensation decisions for all NEOs, as well as all other executive officers, except for the CEO and CFO. All aspects of the CEO's and CFO's compensation are finally approved by our full Board of Directors.

The Compensation Committee's composition is described in more detail in this proxy statement under the section above entitled "Corporate Governance - Compensation and Succession Committee."

#### Compensation Committee Advisors

The Compensation Committee has the authority under its charter to engage the services of outside consultants to determine the scope of the consultants' services and to terminate such consultants' engagement. In fiscal year 2016, the Compensation Committee continued its engagement of Exequity LLP ("Exequity"), an independent compensation consulting firm, to advise the Compensation Committee on certain matters related to executive compensation including:

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a competitive compensation review of the CEO and other executive officer positions; executive compensation trend data, including plan design; and a pay for performance assessment.

In fiscal year 2016, Exequity reviewed market data based upon the Company's target labor market for executive talent, presented market trends, proposed compensation and consulted on compliance issues. Additionally, Exequity attended in person or by telephone all Compensation Committee meetings.

#### Management's Role in the Compensation-Setting Process

Our management is involved in the following executive compensation processes:

The Vice President-Human Resources ("VP HR") develops and oversees the creation of background and supporting materials for distribution to the Compensation Committee prior to its meetings;

The CEO, VP HR and Corporate Secretary attend all Compensation Committee meetings, except the executive sessions of the meetings;

The CEO, VP HR and Director, Compensation, Benefits & HRIS annually present and make recommendations to the Compensation Committee relating to annual incentives and long-term incentive plan designs and changes, if warranted;

The CEO recommends to the Compensation Committee base salary, target annual incentive and target long term incentive adjustments for all executives, excluding the CEO;

The VP HR receives executive session decisions, actions and underlying rationale for implementation, as appropriate, following the Committee's executive sessions; and

The VP HR regularly consults with and briefs the Compensation Committee chairman between scheduled Compensation Committee meetings.

#### Elements of Our Compensation Program for Named Executive Officers

Our compensation philosophy and objectives are achieved by using the following elements in our compensation program for NEOs:

Element	Description	Key Objective
Base Salary	Provide a fixed level of current cash compensation consonant with the executive's primary duties and responsibilities.	Designed to be market competitive and enable us to attract and retain talented executives.
Short-Term Incentives - Annual Incentive	Provide "at risk" compensation directly tied to attainment of annual key business objectives.	Designed to motivate and reward achievement of financial, operational and strategic goals.
Long-Term Incentives - Stock Options	Align executives with shareholders and offer retention with gradual vesting schedule. Provide motivation for long-term goals and overall growth.	Designed to be market competitive, motivate and reward achievement of stock price growth and align executive's interests with those of the shareholder.
Long-Term Incentives - Restricted Stock Units (Time-based)	Align executives with shareholders and offer retention with gradual vesting schedule. Provide motivation for long-term goals and overall growth.	Designed to retain executives and align their interests with those of our shareholders.
Long-Term Incentives - Restricted Stock Units (Performance-based)	Provide variable compensation based on performance achieved against pre-established goals	Designed to retain executives and align their interests with those of our shareholders.



Retirement Benefits	Provide comprehensive retirement savings vehicles through qualified and non-qualified plans. Supports retention with gradual vesting schedule.	Market-based retirement programs targeted to attract and to retain talented executives while encouraging retirement savings.
Severance	Provide severance protection equal to one week of salary for every year of service.	Designed to be competitive in the market and allow for the attraction of talented candidates.

Executive Compensation Policies and Practices

Our Target Labor Market

In administering the compensation program, the Compensation Committee relies on market information provided periodically by its independent consultant. For evaluating compensation, the Compensation Committee reviews compensation data for industrial companies of comparable size, which reflect the types of companies with which we compete for talent. Here, we use a broader industrial market reference because the number of direct product and service

market competitors is limited. Many of the companies that provide similar products and services are either privately held, headquartered overseas, or part of a larger enterprise; therefore, executive compensation data may be either unavailable or of limited applicability to the U.S. labor market in which we principally compete.

Historically, we have used a peer group for evaluating compensation. The peer group incorporates companies that we consider to be primary competitors for talent and capital. The peers consist of industrial companies of comparable size to us (generally one-half to twice our size in terms of revenue), which typically have significant associate populations in manufacturing, product engineering and sales. The compensation peer group for fiscal year 2016 consisted of the following 29 companies:

Accuride Corp.	Haynes International, Inc.
Alamo Group Inc.	Kadant Inc.
Albany International Corp.	L.B. Foster Company
Altra Holdings Corp.	Lindsay Corp.
Barnes Group Inc.	Lydall, Inc.
Blount International	NN, Inc.
Chart Industries	Powell Industries, Inc.
CIRCOR International	Raven Industries, Inc.
CLARCOR Inc.	RBC Bearings Incorporated
Commercial Vehicle Group, Inc.	Standex International Corp.
EnPro Industries, Inc.	Tennant Company
ESCO Technologies, Inc.	Twin Disc, Inc.
Federal Signal Corp.	Wabash National Corp.
Franklin Electric Co.	Xerium Technologies, Inc.
Graco, Inc.	

In addition, we also consider data from compensation surveys published by leading compensation consultants and advisory firms including Mercer and Willis Towers Watson. The survey analysis targets companies of comparable size in the manufacturing sector, supplemented with general industry data as needed.

The analysis of both the peer group and published surveys includes review of target and actual base salary, annual bonus, long term compensation and total compensation.

#### Our Target Pay Mix

The total compensation package for our executive officers consists of base salary, annual incentives, long-term incentives and benefits. In determining both the target level of compensation and mix of compensation elements, we consider market practice, business objectives, expectations of our shareholders and our own subjective assessment of individual executives' performance, growth and future potential.

We have chosen a target mix of base salary, annual incentives and long term incentives that generally reflects our peer industrial companies, with actual pay mix based on the performance of our Company and of the individual. Peer company practices will continue to be monitored as one reference point as we make decisions regarding target pay mix. However, we will also continue to make strategic decisions based on our unique business objectives and circumstances, which may differ from peer company practices and circumstances.

We believe the current target pay mix achieves several important objectives: it supports a strong pay-for-performance culture; it balances the focus on annual and long-term objectives in support of our business strategy; it satisfies the need for flexibility to motivate and reward exceptional performance; and it maximizes tax deductibility of

compensation.

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The following table shows the dollar values and pay mix percentages of our fiscal year 2016 target direct pay opportunities for our NEOs:

Executive Officer	Base Salary (\$)	Annual Incentive Target Opportunity (\$)	Total Cash Compensation Opportunity (\$)	Long-Term Incentive Target Opportunity (\$)	Total Target Pay Opportunity (\$)
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	718,468 27%	718,468 27%	1,436,936 54%	1,257,319 46%	2,694,255 100%
Gene P. Buer, Vice President – Solutions Group	298,700 42%	149,350 21%	448,050 63%	268,830 37%	716,880 100%
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	289,076 42%	144,538 21%	433,614 63%	260,168 37%	693,782 100%
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer	335,075 42%	167,538 21%	502,613 63%	301,568 37%	804,181 100%
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President - Americas	286,000 42%	143,000 21%	429,000 63%	257,400 37%	686,400 100%

#### Factors Considered in Making Compensation Decisions

Actual compensation levels are a function of Company and individual performance as described under each specific compensation element below. When making pay decisions, the Compensation Committee considers the competitiveness of individual elements of compensation, as well as the aggregate sum of base salary, annual incentives and the expected value of long-term incentives (determined at grant) for an executive officer. Awards are generally prorated if an NEO is promoted during the year, based on the timing of the promotion. The Compensation Committee may also consider salary increase history, past incentive awards and past equity awards as context in understanding year-to-year changes in compensation and retention effect of prior awards. Under the Annual Incentive Plan and Performance RSU grant, initial awards are determined based upon target values established for each of the NEOs and then adjusted upon comparison of actual performance to pre-established criteria. The Compensation Committee retains the discretion to decrease the size of individual awards in situations where an executive officer's individual performance falls below expectations. Final decisions on any major element of compensation, as well as total compensation for executive officers, are made by the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors. Our Compensation Committee is comprised entirely of non-associate Directors and our CEO does not participate in discussions related to his compensation when presented to the Board of Directors.

The compensation program is generally applied consistently to NEOs. Exceptions related to CEO compensation are noted throughout this report.

#### The Compensation Committee's Position on Compensation and Excessive Risk

In establishing the structure and levels of executive compensation, the Compensation Committee has been mindful of the potential for risk taking by management to achieve certain target or above target incentives. The Compensation Committee has sought to balance fixed and variable compensation, short-term and long-term compensation, the performance metrics used in determining incentive compensation and the level of in-service and post-retirement benefits to mitigate unnecessary or excessive risk taking. Additionally, the Company has adopted policies and programs which encourage management not to take excessive risks including:

A minimum Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) trigger, which must be satisfied before any payouts can be made under the Annual Incentive Plan;  
 Stock Ownership guidelines for all officers; and  
 a comprehensive Clawback Policy.

## Components of Compensation

### Base Salary

Base salary provides a fixed amount of compensation appropriate to attract and retain key executives and to underpin the cyclic nature of our business that can cause fluctuations in variable compensation from year to year. The Compensation Committee reviews base salaries on an annual basis, recommends adjustments to the CEO's and CFO's salaries to the Board of Directors and approves adjustments for other NEOs. Salary adjustments are based on an assessment of the individual executive's performance and our goal of achieving market parity with the salaries of executives in the competitive market, recognition of promotion or other increases in responsibility, the scope of the executive's role relative to our other executives and the general economic environment impacting the Company.

History of salary increases may also be reviewed and considered. Mid-year adjustments are considered when there is a significant change in the executive's role or responsibility.

The Compensation Committee has recommended that any adjustments to salary for an executive officer will depend upon a formal annual review of job performance, accomplishments and progress toward individual and/or overall goals and objectives for each segment of our business that such executive officer oversees, as well as his or her contributions to our overall direction. Long term growth in shareholder value is an important factor. The results of executive officers' performance evaluations, as well as their demonstration and support of the Company's values, including strong ethics, leadership and sound corporate governance, form a part of the basis of the Compensation Committee's decision to approve, at its discretion, or recommend to the Board for the CEO and CFO, future adjustments in base salaries of our executive officers.

The Committee approved the following base salary adjustments effective April 1, 2015 for our NEOs:

Executive Officer	Base Salary (\$)	FY 2016 Base Salary Adjustments (\$)	FY 2016 Base Salary (\$)	Percentage Increase	
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	697,542	20,926	718,468	3.0%	
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	290,000	8,700	298,700	3.0%	
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	276,266	12,810	289,076	4.6%	(2)
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer	325,000	10,075	335,075	3.1%	
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President - Americas	260,000	26,000	286,000	10.0%	(1)

(1) Mr. Wozniak received a merit increase and also a market adjustment after reviewing market competitive pay for his position.

(2) Dr. Celi is paid in Swiss Francs and amounts are converted to United States Dollars based on the foreign currency spot rate in effect on March 31, 2016.

## Annual Incentive Plan

The purpose of the Annual Incentive Plan is to attract, motivate, reward and retain highly qualified executives on a competitive basis and provide financial incentives that promote Company success.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, our Compensation Committee recommends, and our Board approves, the key measures or "Drivers" for the Annual Incentive Plan. The Annual Incentive Plan focuses on the short-term goals that are most important to our success over the fiscal year and that are generally within the control of the participants. It is the policy and ongoing intention of our Board of Directors to establish targeted performance levels for each Driver at the beginning of the fiscal year or the start of the respective performance period. Targeted performance levels are generally set for our Company as a whole, but may also encompass individual business units, groups, divisions, or individual performance levels, as appropriate. Drivers and targeted performance levels are based on the Board of Directors' assessment of our priorities, outlook, current and projected economic conditions and other pertinent factors, and are intended to be challenging, but achievable with significant and effective effort. The Board of Directors reviews audited year-end results to determine whether targeted performance levels have been met. The Board of Directors retains discretion to cap, reduce, or eliminate payments under the Annual Incentive Plan.

The Board of Directors also determines the weighting to be assigned to each Driver. For most Drivers, goals are set at threshold, target and maximum levels. Payouts for these Drivers are determined by multiplying the appropriate weighting by the percentages outlined in the table below; linear interpolation is used to determine percentages when performance falls between levels. The aggregate payout to any NEO may not exceed 300% of target.

Driver Performance Level	Percentage of Target (to be multiplied by weight for each Driver)
Maximum Performance Level (or higher)	300%
Target Performance Level	100%
Threshold Performance Level	50%
Below Threshold Performance Level	0%

## Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Incentive Plan Design

The Annual Incentive Plan (AIP) for fiscal year 2016 was designed to help us focus on increasing profitability while managing our strategic priorities to position the Company for longer term profitable growth. For fiscal 2016, forty percent (40%) of our NEOs' target was based on EBIT at the Consolidated level, forty percent (40%) was based on Revenue at the Consolidated level and the remaining twenty percent (20%) of our NEOs' target was based upon strategic measures which were a combination of individual and shared goals. Drivers and associated weightings for fiscal year 2016, which were established by the Board of Directors for each executive officer, are shown below. Our CEO has the ability to assign an individual performance factor to each of the individual NEOs, other than CEO, of up to 25% up or down based upon his evaluation of their individual performance. Lastly, no AIP will be earned unless Consolidated EBIT is positive.

## Financial Measures and Weights – 80% of Plan

Fiscal 2016 Drivers (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016)	Timothy T. Tevens	Gene P. Buer	Ivo Celi	Gregory P. Rustowicz	Kurt F. Wozniak
Consolidated EBIT	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%
Consolidated Revenue	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%



Strategic Measures and Weights – 20% of Plan

For fiscal year 2016, strategic measures for the executive team included one common measure and one individual measure. The common measure focused the executive team on strengthening the team's support for one another and each of the business units. Individual measures were developed by the CEO and the executive.

## Results

The fiscal year 2016 financial targets, performance achieved as a percent of target, and the fiscal year 2016 payout percentages under each Driver are shown below.

Fiscal 2016 Drivers (April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016)	Fiscal 2016 Annual Incentive Plan - EBIT and Revenue Targets and Performance (Dollars in Millions)				Fiscal 2016 Performance % of Target
	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Result (\$)	
Consolidated EBIT <sup>(1)</sup>	60.5	73.4	124.8	52.7	0%
Consolidated Revenue	621.5	667.3	850.5	600.4	0%

(1) Fiscal year 2016 EBIT was adjusted to eliminate the impact of foreign exchange, acquisition activities and certain other one time items.

Mr. Tevens evaluated the performance of each of the other NEOs based upon their performance against their strategic measures and their individual performance factors. Thus, the final AIP award was determined as the sum of the financial outcome and the strategic measures outcome. Mr. Buer met some expectations for his strategic and individual goals and Mr. Tevens recommended a score of 9.0%. Dr. Celi exceeded some expectations for his strategic and individual goals and Mr. Tevens recommended a score of 27.4%. Mr. Rustowicz met expectations for his strategic and individual goals and Mr. Tevens recommended a score of 19.0%. Mr. Wozniak met some expectations for his strategic and individual goals and Mr. Tevens recommended a score of 16.9%. The Board reviewed and approved each of these scores, and they approved a score of 20.0% for Mr. Tevens that was based upon the strategic measures noted above which included financial outcomes.

Annual incentive targets, strategic and overall achievement percentages, as well as, the overall incentive payment as a percentage of base salary awarded for fiscal year 2016 are shown below:

	Annual Incentive Target (% of Base Salary)	Overall Annual Incentive Plan Rating (% of Target Award)	Actual Payout Based on Performance Achieved (% of Base Salary)
Executive Officer Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	100%	20.0%	20.0%
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	50%	9.0%	4.5%
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	50%	27.4%	13.7%
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer	50%	19.0%	9.5%

Kurt F. Wozniak,  
Vice President - Americas

50%

16.9%

8.5%

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Long Term Incentives

The objectives of our long term incentive program are to:  
 link executive compensation and our long term performance;  
 better align key associates with our business strategies and with our shareholders' interests; and  
 provide opportunity for long term compensation that is competitive with peer companies and sufficient to attract and retain executive talent to effectively manage our business objectives.

In developing target levels for long term incentive compensation for NEOs in conjunction with our current equity-based compensation strategy, the following factors were considered:

a competitive analysis;  
 the impact of the NEOs' roles within our Company; and  
 the cost and share usage associated with the proposed plan.

Target long term incentives (as a percentage of salary) are as follows:

	Long Term Incentive Target (% of Base Salary)
Executive Officer	
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	175%
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	90%
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	90%
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer	90%
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President - Americas	90%

The target long term incentive mix for our NEOs consists of non-qualified stock options (one-third of target value), restricted stock or RSUs (one-third of target value), and performance RSUs (one-third of target value). Dollar values are converted to share numbers based on an estimate of expected value at initial grant.

The following tables summarize the equity granted as part of the NEOs' annual compensation for fiscal year 2016.

Executive Officer	Target Number of Performance RSUs <sup>(1)</sup>	Options Granted	RSUs Granted
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	16,966	48,847	16,966
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	3,627	10,444	3,627
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	3,472	9,998	3,472
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer	4,069	11,716	4,069
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President - Americas	3,473	10,000	3,473

(1) Grant represents target value for fiscal year 2016 and was granted on May 18, 2015.

#### Stock Options and RSUs

Stock options are included to align management and shareholder interest by encouraging decisions and actions that result in long term stock appreciation and ownership interest for management. In order to support retention and align executives with our stock performance over a longer horizon, grants generally vest 25% per year commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date and remain exercisable for 10 years from the date of grant.

RSUs are designed to support executive retention and share ownership. In order to support retention and align executives with our stock performance over a longer horizon, RSUs vest 25% annually over the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the grant date of awards.

#### Performance Restricted Stock Units

Grants of performance RSUs are made annually, with vesting dependent upon performance achieved. Fiscal year 2016 performance is based upon the two year Consolidated Net Revenue performance with final vesting of the award on the third anniversary of the grant. Actual vesting of the awards and their ultimate value will be determined by Consolidated Net Revenue results.

For fiscal year 2016, performance shares are subject to adjustment based on the performance and payout relationship as illustrated in the table below:

Driver Performance Level	FY16-17 Consolidated Net Revenue Targets	Percentage of Target
Maximum Performance Level (or higher)	\$1,557.2 Million	200%
Target Performance Level	\$1,415.6 Million	100%

Threshold Performance Level	\$1,274.0 Million	0%
Below Threshold Performance Level	Below \$1,274.0 Million	0%

Linear interpolation is used to establish payout levels between Threshold, Target and Maximum results. The performance adjusted amounts are reflected in the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End table contained in this proxy.

The long term incentive strategy is designed to support our business strategy and the interests of our shareholders. Where possible, the program has been designed such that long term incentives can qualify as performance-based compensation so that the expense associated with the program is fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. Stock options and performance RSUs are expected to qualify as performance-based compensation.

#### Stock Option Granting Practices

The exercise price for any stock option is equal to the fair market value on the date of grant, which is an average of the high and low price on the date of grant. The date of grant is the date of the Board of Directors' meeting at which the award is approved.

#### Retirement and Deferred Compensation

Retirement benefits provided to eligible U.S.-based NEOs are the same as those provided to our other full-time, salaried U.S.-based associates. Retirement programs are designed to provide a competitive benefit to associates while allowing the Company to manage costs.

The Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Retirement Benefit Plan, a qualified defined benefit pension plan (the "Pension Plan"), provides an annual benefit at age 65 equal to the product of (i) 1% of the participant's final average earnings (which is generally equal to the higher of (a) the average 12-consecutive month earnings during the last consecutive 60 months prior to retirement or (b) the average 12-consecutive month earnings during any 60-consecutive month period within the last 120 months prior to retirement) plus 0.5% of that part, if any, of final average earnings in excess of social security covered compensation, multiplied by (ii) such participant's years of credited service, limited to 35 years. Effective March 31, 2012, the Pension Plan was frozen to new entrants and to participants with less than 65 combined age and service points. Participants who had attained 65 combined age and service points at March 31, 2012 continue to accrue benefits.

We also maintain a 401(k) retirement savings plan covering non-union U.S.-based associates. Highly compensated associates were eligible to contribute up to approximately 8% of annual cash compensation (base salary and payments under the Annual Incentive Plan), subject to limits set by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company matching contribution for fiscal year 2016 was between 25% and 100% of associate contributions up to 6% based on years of service. Associates who are not grandfathered in the Pension Plan are also eligible for a core contribution equal to 2% of eligible wages.

We maintain an Employee Stock Ownership Plan for the benefit of our U.S.-based, non-union associates including our U.S.-based NEOs. This Plan is considered a retirement benefit by the Company in conjunction with its defined benefit pension and 401(k) retirement savings plans. Effective January 1, 2012, this Employee Stock Ownership Plan has been closed to new participants. The final ESOP allocation was made on March 31, 2015. All participants are 100% vested and no future contributions will be made to the plan.

We maintain a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the "NQDC Plan") under which eligible participants (including our Directors and U.S.-based NEOs) may elect to defer a portion of their cash compensation. The NQDC Plan offers a company match and core contributions consistent with the benefits each individual is eligible for in our qualified 401(k) plan. Participants may defer up to 75% of their base salary and up to 100% of annual short-term and long-term incentive cash compensation. Payment of balances will occur in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 409A requirements.

#### Stock Ownership

Consistent with our objective of aligning management's interests with shareholders, we have established stock ownership requirements for all corporate and operating officers to maintain or accumulate minimum ownership levels of the Company's Common Stock. Executives are required to retain a portion of their equity compensation upon vesting in shares or exercise of options. The portion that each executive must continue to hold is described as the retention ratio which is applied to the after-tax shares received by the executive. If the value of shares held by an executive exceeds a specified multiple of base salary, the executive is no longer subject to the retention ratio requirement with respect to additional after-tax shares received by the executive. Each NEO, other than Mr. Tevens, is currently subject to the retention ratio requirement.



The following table summarizes the ownership guidelines, as well as the respective retention ratio, for executives.

Position / Title	Multiple of Base Salary	Retention Ratio
Chief Executive Officer	5X	50%
Chief Financial Officer	4X	50%
Other Executive Committee Members (1)	3X	50%
Other Officers	2X	40%

(1) Messrs. Buer, Celi, and Wozniak are Executive Committee Members.

#### Other Benefits and Perquisites

We provide very limited perquisites and other compensation to our NEOs. Instead, as previously discussed, we have elected to provide competitive fixed compensation through salary and benefits with opportunity for additional compensation through variable compensation based primarily on Company performance.

NEOs may participate in benefit plans that are offered generally to salaried U.S.-based associates such as those described above, as well as short and long term disability, life insurance, health and welfare benefits, and paid time off.

Because the market for executive talent is national and, in some cases global, we may recruit globally to obtain top talent. We may elect to pay relocation costs for associates who are required to relocate in connection with their employment (including NEOs) to minimize any financial detriment to the associate.

Under limited circumstances, we provide certain perquisites to recruit individuals to key positions with the Company and to officers that expatriate to another country for work on the Company's behalf.

#### Employment and Change-In-Control Agreements

##### Employment Agreements

With the exception of Dr. Celi, the Company has no employment agreements with its NEOs, but does provide the NEOs with eligibility for severance benefits under our general severance policy upon delivery of an acceptable release of legal claims, i.e., severed associates are paid one week of their base salary for every year of service at the Company.

Dr. Celi's agreement, entered into in 2009, does not have a fixed term and may be terminated by either party upon delivering written notice at least six months prior to the end of a calendar quarter. Dr. Celi's salary is reviewed and may be adjusted annually. Dr. Celi also participates in our Annual Incentive Plan and Long Term Incentive Program. Dr. Celi's agreement contains various restrictive covenants relating to the protection of confidential information and non-disclosure.

##### Change-In-Control Agreements

We have entered into change in control agreements with our NEOs and certain other of our officers and associates. The intent of these agreements is to provide executive officers with financial security in the event of a change in control to facilitate a transaction which may benefit shareholders but result in job loss to executives. The change in control agreements provide for an initial term of one year, which, absent delivery of notice of termination, is automatically renewed annually for an additional one year term.

Generally, each of the NEOs is entitled to receive, upon termination of employment within six months preceding or 24 months after a change in control of our Company (unless such termination is because of death, disability, for cause or by the officer or associate other than for “good reason,” as defined in the change in control agreements), (i) a lump sum severance payment up to three times the sum of (a) his or her annual salary and (b) the greater of (1) the annual target incentive under the Annual Incentive Plan in effect on the date of termination and (2) the annual target incentive under the

Annual Incentive Plan in effect immediately prior to the change in control, (ii) a lump sum payment, in cash, equal to thirty-six (36) times the monthly cost of continued coverage if COBRA is elected under the Company group health plans, (iii) a lump sum payment equal to the actuarial equivalent of the pension payment which he or she would have accrued under our tax-qualified retirement plans had he or she continued to be employed by us for three additional years, (iv) unless otherwise provided in an equity award agreement, all options, restricted shares or units and performance shares or units become fully vested and (v) certain other specified payments.

Aggregate "payments in the nature of compensation" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code) payable to any executive under the change in control agreements is limited to the amount that is fully deductible by us under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code less one dollar. The events that trigger a change in control under these agreements include (i) the acquisition of 20% or more of our outstanding common stock by certain persons, (ii) certain changes in the membership of our Board of Directors, (iii) certain mergers or consolidations, (iv) certain sales or transfers of substantially all of our assets and (v) the approval by our shareholders of a plan of dissolution or liquidation.

#### Clawback Policy

In October 2009, the Compensation Committee adopted a Clawback Policy applicable to our executive officers and certain other associates. Under the policy, in the event of (i) a material restatement of our consolidated financial statements, other than any restatement required pursuant to a change in applicable accounting rules or (ii) a violation of a confidentiality, non-solicitation, non-competition, or similar restrictive covenant or (iii) a covered person engages in willful fraud that causes harm to our Company, (collectively (i), (ii) and (iii) is referred to as "Detrimental Conduct"), which Detrimental Conduct occurs either during employment with our Company or after such employment terminates for any reason, our Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee may, to the extent permitted by law and to the extent it determines that it is in our best interests to do so, in addition to all other remedies available, require reimbursement or payment by the covered person of:

Any amount (whether in cash or property) paid, payable or realized (including, but not limited to option exercises) under any plan or program providing for incentive compensation, equity compensation or performance-based compensation ("Covered Plans") received by any covered person on or after October 19, 2009 that would not have been received had the consolidated financial statements that are the subject of such restatement been correctly stated (except that the Board or Compensation Committee shall have the right to require reimbursement of the entire amount of any such amount referenced above from any covered person whose fraud or other intentional misconduct, in the Board's or Committee's judgment, alone or with others caused such restatement); and

Any amount (whether in cash or property) paid, payable or realized (including, but not limited to, option exercises) by a covered person under a Covered Plan if the Board or Compensation Committee determines that covered person engaged in Detrimental Conduct even in the absence of a subsequent restatement of our financial statements.

The Board or the Compensation Committee has sole and absolute discretion not to take action upon discovery of Detrimental Conduct, and its determination not to take action in any particular instance shall not in any way limit its authority to terminate participation of a covered person in a plan.

#### Tax and Accounting Considerations

The Compensation Committee has considered the implications of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code in making decisions concerning compensation design and administration. The Compensation Committee views tax deductibility as an important consideration and intends to maintain deductibility wherever possible, but also believes that our business needs should be the overriding factor of compensation design. Therefore, the Compensation Committee believes it is important to maintain flexibility and has not adopted a policy requiring that specific programs meet the requirements of performance-based compensation under Section 162(m). Nevertheless, we believe that all

compensation provided to the NEOs for fiscal year 2016 is substantially deductible. The Committee also considers tax implications for executives and structures its compensation programs to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Accounting and cost implications of compensation programs are considered in program design; however, the main factor is alignment with our business needs.

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the cash compensation, as well as certain other compensation earned during the years ended March 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and each of its three other most highly compensated executive officers who received annual compensation in excess of \$100,000:

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Award (1) (\$)	Option Awards (2) (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (3) (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (4) (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	2016	723,995	0	846,264	419,107	143,694	24,109	8,924	(5) 2,166,093
	2015	700,225	0	833,452	416,637	453,402	249,874	9,547	2,663,137
	2014	679,830	0	802,836	401,307	426,916	50,338	10,426	2,371,653
Gene P. Buer, Vice President Solutions Group	2016	300,998	0	180,915	89,610	13,442	55,607	8,355	(6) 648,927
	2015	291,115	0	178,178	89,078	72,500	120,136	9,313	760,320
	2014	275,054	0	167,064	83,505	122,264	42,539	10,965	701,391
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	2016	289,076	(7)0	173,184	85,783	39,603	0	10,257	(8) 597,903
	2015	276,266	0	186,369	93,154	69,066	0	8,960	633,815
	2014	287,133	0	163,236	81,583	69,644	0	45,825	647,421
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2016	337,653	0	202,962	100,523	31,832	(852)	14,011	(9) 686,129
	2015	326,250	0	199,712	99,831	132,210	2,663	12,638	773,304
	2014	301,154	0	182,906	91,425	116,696	0	12,616	704,797
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President - Americas	2016	288,200	0	173,233	85,800	24,167	(2,586)	22,560	(10) 591,374
	2015	261,000	161	159,791	79,865	80,444	65,968	23,514	670,743

The amounts shown in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value for restricted stock units and performance shares granted in the year indicated under our Long Term Incentive Plan. However, for purposes of this table, estimates of forfeitures have been removed. The grant date fair value for each restricted stock unit is (1) equal to the market price of our common stock on the date of grant. The assumptions used in valuing the performance shares are described in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2016 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2016.

The amounts shown in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value for non-qualified stock options to purchase our common stock granted in the year indicated under our Long Term Incentive Plan. However, for purposes of this table, estimates of forfeitures have been removed. A Black-Scholes valuation approach has been chosen for these calculations. The assumptions used in valuing these grants are described in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2016 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2016.

- (2)
- (3) Represents amounts under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year 2016 and paid in fiscal year 2017.

Represents the aggregate change in actuarial value under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Retirement Benefit Plan from March 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016 for Messrs. Tevens, Buer and Wozniak. Messrs.

- (4) Celi and Rustowicz are not covered by a Company-sponsored pension plan. In addition, the Company sponsors a non-qualified defined contribution plan of deferred compensation. Participation is detailed in the Non-Qualified Deferred Contribution Plan table.

- (5) For Mr. Tevens, consists of matching contributions under the Columbus McKinnon Thrift 401(k) plan.

- (6) For Mr. Buer, consists of matching contributions under the Columbus McKinnon Thrift 401(k) plan.

- (7) Dr. Celi is paid in Swiss Francs and amounts are converted to United States Dollars based on the foreign currency spot rate in effect on March 31, 2016.

(8) Represents the value of the automobile provided to Dr. Celi by the Company.

(9) For Mr. Rustowicz, consists of matching contributions under the Columbus McKinnon Thrift 401(k) plan.

(10) For Mr. Wozniak, consists of matching contributions under the Columbus McKinnon Thrift 401(k) plan.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information with respect to plan-based awards granted in fiscal year 2016 to the executives named in the summary compensation table, including awards under the Annual Incentive Plan, and equity awards of stock options, performance shares and restricted stock units:

Name	Grant Date (1)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (3)			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units	All Other Options Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards per Share (4) (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Options (5) (\$)
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO		359,234	718,468	2,155,404							
	5/18/2015				0	16,966	33,932				423,
	5/18/2015							16,966	(6)		423,
Gene P. Buer Vice President-Solutions Group	5/18/2015	74,675	149,350	448,050	0	3,627	7,254			(7)24.94	419,
	5/18/2015							3,627	(6)		90,4
	5/18/2015									10,444	90,4
Ivo Celi Vice President - EMEA	5/18/2015	72,269	144,538	433,614	0	3,472	6,944			(7)24.94	89,6
	5/18/2015							3,472	(6)		86,5
	5/18/2015									9,998	86,5
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer	5/18/2015	83,769	167,538	502,614	0	4,069	8,138			(7)24.94	85,7
	5/18/2015							4,069	(6)		101,
	5/18/2015									11,716	101,
Kurt F. Wozniak	5/18/2015	71,500	143,000	429,000	0	3,473	6,946			(7)24.94	100,
											86,6



Vice President – Americas	5/18/2015	3,473	(6)		86,6
	5/18/2015			10,000	(7)24.94 85,8

(1) The grant date is the date on which the equity awards were approved by our Board of Directors.

(2) Represents the potential payout range under the Annual Incentive Plan discussed above. The final fiscal year 2016 payout can be found in the Summary Compensation Table in the column entitled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."

(3) Represents the potential payout range related to performance shares awarded to NEOs on the grant date, subject to achievement of performance targets. The performance shares are earned based upon the consolidated net revenue performance for the period beginning April 1, 2015 and ended March 31, 2017. Each performance share will be settled in a share of our common stock.

(4) Represents per-share exercise price of the options and is equal to the average of the high and low price on the grant date.

(5) Amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of the equity awards. The grant date fair value for each performance share and restricted stock unit is equal to the average of the high and low market price of our common stock on the date of grant. A Black-Scholes valuation approach has been utilized for valuing the options. The assumptions used in valuing these awards are described in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2016 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2016.

Represents RSUs granted under the fiscal year 2016 long-term incentive program which vest at a rate of 25% per (6) year beginning one year from the date of grant, except that RSUs may vest earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement, or change in control.

Represents the number of shares of our common stock underlying options awarded to the NEOs on the grant date. The options vest at a rate of 25% per year beginning one year from the date of grant, except that options may vest earlier in the event of death, disability, retirement or change in control. They expire 10 years from the date of (7) grant, or earlier in the event of death, disability or retirement. The grant date fair value of option awards is \$8.58 per share based on the Black Scholes valuation as described in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report in Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2016 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2016.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth information with respect to the executives named in the summary compensation table relating to unexercised stock options, stock that has not vested, and equity incentive plan awards outstanding as of March 31, 2016:

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable	Option Awards Number of Securities Underlying Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Restricted Stock Awards	Performance Share Awards	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Unearned Shares, Other Rights That Have Not Vested				
						Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)					
Timothy T. Tevens	8,770	(1)	N/A	28.45	5/19/2018	6,678	(11)	105,245	12,710	(16)	2	
President and CEO	45,172	(2)		13.27	5/18/2019	10,592	(13)	166,930	16,966	(17)	2	
	33,190	(4)		18.24	5/17/2020	11,525	(14)	181,634				
	31,902	(5)		19.50	5/23/2021	16,966	(15)	267,384				
	40,176	(7)	13,392 (7)	13.43	5/21/2022							
	22,344	(8)	22,345 (8)	18.95	5/20/2023							
	9,734	(9)	29,204 (9)	27.12	5/19/2024							
		(10)	48,847 (10)	24.94	5/18/2025							
Gene P. Buer,	432	(1)	N/A	28.45	5/19/2018	1,390	(11)	21,906	2,645	(16)	4	
Vice President –	1,622	(4)		18.24	5/17/2020	2,204	(13)	34,735	3,627	(17)	5	
Solutions Group	3,230	(5)		19.50	5/23/2021	2,464	(14)	38,833				
	5,573	(7)	2,787 (7)	13.43	5/21/2022	3,627	(15)	57,162				
	4,649	(8)	4,650 (8)	18.95	5/20/2023							
	2,081	(9)	6,244 (9)	27.12	5/19/2024							
		(10)	10,444 (10)	24.94	5/18/2025							
Ivo Celi,	10,000	(3)	N/A	14.80	1/25/2020	1,401	(11)	22,080	2,584	(16)	4	
Vice President –	3,513	(4)		18.24	5/17/2020	2,154	(13)	33,947	3,472	(17)	5	
EMEA	6,389	(5)		19.50	5/23/2021	2,577	(14)	40,614				
	8,428	(7)	2,810 (7)	13.43	5/21/2022	3,472	(15)	54,719				
	4,542	(8)	4,543 (8)	18.95	5/20/2023							
	2,176	(9)	6,530 (9)	27.12	5/19/2024							
		(10)	9,998 (10)	24.94	5/18/2025							
Gregory P. Rustowicz	4,000	(6)	2,000 (6)	N/A	13.10	10/24/2021	1,489	(11)	23,467	2,896	(16)	4
Vice President -	8,956	(7)	2,986 (7)	13.43	5/21/2022	2,000	(12)	31,520	4,069	(17)	6	
Finance and Chief	5,090	(8)	5,091 (8)	18.95	5/20/2023	2,413	(13)	38,029				

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Financial Officer	2,332	(9)6,998	(9)	27.12	5/19/2024	2,762	(14)43,529		
		11,716	(10)	24.94	5/18/2025	4,069	(15)64,127		
Kurt F. Wozniak	356	(1)	N/A	28.45	5/19/2018	555	(11)8,747	1,931	(16)3
Vice President –	1,777	(4)		18.24	5/17/2020	1,609	(13)25,358	3,473	(17)5
Americas	1,809	(5)		19.50	5/23/2021	2,210	(14)34,830		
	2,223	(7)1,112	(7)	13.43	5/21/2022	3,473	(15)54,734		
	3,394	(8)3,394	(8)	18.95	5/20/2023				
	1,866	(9)5,598	(9)	27.12	5/19/2024				
		10,000	(10)	24.94	5/18/2025				

- (1) These options were granted May 19, 2008 and vest 25% per year beginning May 19, 2009.
- (2) These options were granted May 18, 2009 and vest 25% per year beginning May 18, 2010.
- (3) These options were granted on January 25, 2010 and vest 33.33% per year beginning January 25, 2013.
- (4) These options were granted May 17, 2010 and vest 25% per year beginning May 17, 2011.
- (5) These options were granted May 23, 2011 and vest 25% per year beginning May 23, 2012.
- (6) These options were granted on October, 24, 2011 and vest 33.33% per year beginning October 24, 2014.
- (7) These options were granted May 21, 2012 and vest 25% per year beginning May 21, 2013.
- (8) These options were granted on May 20, 2013 and vest 25% per year beginning May 20, 2014.
- (9) These options were granted on May 19, 2014 and vest 25% per year beginning May 19, 2015.
- (10) These options were granted on May 18, 2015 and vest 25% per year beginning May 18, 2016.
- (11) These RSUs were granted May 21, 2012 and vest 25% per year beginning May 21, 2013.
- (12) These RSUs were granted October 24, 2011 and vest 33.33% per year beginning October 24, 2014.
- (13) These RSUs were granted May 20, 2013 and vest 25% per year beginning May 20, 2014.
- (14) These RSUs were granted May 19, 2014 and vest 25% per year beginning May 19, 2015.
- (15) These RSUs were granted May 18, 2015 and vest 25% per year beginning May 18, 2016.
- (16) These performance RSUs were granted May 20, 2013 and vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant, May 20, 2016. The actual award earned was adjusted effective March 31, 2014 based upon our EBIT performance for the one year period ended March 31, 2014.
- (17) These performance RSUs were granted May 18, 2015 and vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant, May 18, 2018. The actual award earned will be adjusted effective March 31, 2017 based upon our consolidated net revenue performance for the two year period ended March 31, 2017.

## Options Exercised and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth information with respect to the executives named in the summary compensation table relating to the exercise of stock options, stock appreciation rights and similar rights, and the vesting of stock in connection therewith, in fiscal year 2016:

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting(2) (\$)
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	—	—	48,095	1,192,492
Gene P. Buer, Vice President – Solutions Group	—	—	10,005	248,082
Ivo Celi, Vice President – EMEA	—	—	10,068	249,658
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer	—	—	11,882	284,190
Kurt F. Wozniak Vice President - America	—	—	4,666	115,709

(1) Represents the difference between the option exercise price and the average of the high and low market prices of our common stock on the date of exercise as quoted on Nasdaq multiplied by the number of shares acquired.

(2) Represents the average of the high and low market price of our common stock on the vesting date multiplied by the number of shares acquired.

## Pension Plan

The Pension Plan is a non-contributory, qualified defined benefit plan which provides certain of our U.S.-based associates with retirement benefits. As defined in the Pension Plan, a participant's annual pension benefit at age 65 is equal to the product of (i) 1% of the participant's final average earnings, as calculated by the terms of the Pension Plan, plus 0.5% of that part, if any, of final average earnings in excess of such participant's "social security covered compensation," as such term is defined in the Pension Plan, multiplied by (ii) such participant's years of credited service, limited to 35 years. Plan benefits are not subject to reduction for social security benefits.

The following table sets forth with respect to each of our plans that provide retirement benefits to our NEOs, (i) the years of credited service of each of the executives named in the summary compensation table, (ii) the present value of his or her accumulated benefit and (iii) payments received by him or her during fiscal year 2016:

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years of Credited Service(1)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit(2) (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Retirement Benefit Plan	24.25	1,084,175	—
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Retirement Benefit Plan	10.25	464,942	—
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	N/A(3)	—	—	—
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer	N/A(3)	—	—	—
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President – Americas	Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Retirement Benefit Plan	(4)	292,444	—

Years of credited service determined as of March 31, 2016. Msrs. Tevens and Buer continue to participate fully in (1) our Pension Plan as grandfathered participants. For more information about our retirement program see "Elements of Our Compensation Program for Named Executive Officers" in this document.

The present value of accumulated benefit under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Benefit Plan is (2) calculated as of March 31, 2016 using (i) a discount rate of 4.25%, (ii) the RP-2015 mortality tables with a 50/50 blend of blue and white collar adjustments and generational projection using Scale MP-2015.

(3) Msrs. Celi and Rustowicz were not covered by a Company sponsored Pension Plan.

(4) Mr. Wozniak has an accrued benefit under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Monthly Retirement Benefit Plan that was frozen at March 31, 2012.





## Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

The Company maintains a Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (the "NQDC") under which eligible participants (including our Directors and U.S.-based NEOs) may elect to defer a portion of their cash compensation.

Payment of balances will occur in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 409A requirements. For more information about our retirement program see "Elements of Our Compensation Program for Named Executive Officers" in this document.

Name	Executive Contributions in fiscal year 2016	Company Contributions in fiscal year 2016	Aggregate earnings in fiscal year 2016	Aggregate withdrawals / distributions	Aggregate balance at 3/31/2016
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	258,038	27,032	(43,275)	—	624,089
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	—	—	—	—	—
Ivo Celi, Vice President - EMEA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President – Finance, and Chief Financial Officer	12,630	9,975	(852)	—	66,155
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President – Americas	5,655	7,540	387	7,317	15,723

## Other Potential Post-Employment Payments

It is our policy to provide severance benefits to each of our U.S.-based full-time salaried associates and hourly associates not covered by a collective bargaining agreement who involuntarily lose their positions without cause.

Eligible associates who sign a release generally receive one week of base salary at the rate then in effect for each full year of continuous service (with any fractions being rounded up).

The following table sets forth the gross amount each NEO would receive under various termination scenarios described above using the following assumptions:

Termination of employment on March 31, 2016

Exercise of all options and vesting of all restricted stock based on the closing market price of \$15.79 per share of our common stock on March 31, 2016.

Not limited by Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code that may apply.

Name	Voluntary Termination (\$)	Retirement (\$)	Involuntary Termination (\$)	Termination in Connection with Change in Control (\$)	Death (\$)	Change in Control Only (\$)
Timothy T. Tevens, President and CEO	2,344,351	(1)3,440,751	(2)2,689,769	(3) 8,044,083	(4) 2,926,487	(5) 0 (6)
Gene P. Buer, Vice President - Solutions Group	793,088	(1)1,007,344	(2)850,531	(3) 2,567,494	(4) 810,722	(5) 0 (6)
Ivo Celi, Vice President – EMEA(7)	29,287	(8)267,521	(9)62,642	(10)1,155,640	(11)267,521	(12)0 (6)
Gregory P. Rustowicz, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	189,105	(1)479,528	(2)221,324	(3) 2,072,121	(4) 529,528	(5) 0 (6)
Kurt F. Wozniak, Vice President – Americas	919,429	(1)1,100,288	(2)1,012,929	(3) 2,465,104	(4) 1,000,464	(5) 0 (6)

(1) Includes (i) the value of vested stock options, (ii) accrued vacation through the date of termination, (iii) the vested portion of his 401(k) Plan account, (iv) any vested benefits under our Pension Plan and (v) any vested benefits under our ESOP. In addition, each NEO would be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

(2) Includes (i) the value of vested stock options, (ii) accrued vacation through the date of termination, (iii) the vested portion of his 401(k) Plan account, (iv) any vested benefits under our Pension Plan and (v) any vested

benefits under our ESOP, (vi) unless otherwise provided in an equity award agreement, the value of all options, restricted shares or units and performance shares or units which become fully vested and (vii) awards under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year 2016 and paid in fiscal year 2017. In addition, each NEO would be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

(3) Includes (i) severance, (ii) the value of vested stock options, (iii) accrued vacation through the date of termination, (iv) the vested portion of his 401(k) Plan account, (v) any vested benefits under our Pension Plan and (vi) any vested benefits under our ESOP. In addition, each NEO would be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

Includes (i) termination payments under the Change in Control agreements (up to the maximum permitted), (ii) the value of vested stock options, (iii) accrued vacation through the date of termination, (iv) the vested portion of his or her 401(k) Plan account, (v) any vested benefits under our Pension Plan and (vi) any vested benefits under our ESOP, (vii) awards under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year 2016 and paid in fiscal year 2017.

(4) Termination payments under the Change in Control agreements include (i) a lump sum severance payment equal to three times the sum of (a) annual salary and (b) the greater of (1) the annual target bonus under the Annual Incentive Plan in effect on the date of termination and (2) the annual target bonus under the Annual Incentive Plan in effect immediately prior to the change in control, (ii) a lump sum payment, in cash, equal to thirty-six (36) times the monthly cost of continued

coverage if COBRA is elected under the company group health plans, (iii) a lump sum payment equal to the actuarial equivalent of the pension payment which would have accrued under our tax-qualified retirement plans had he continued to be employed by us for three additional years, (iv) unless otherwise provided in an equity award agreement, the value of all options, restricted shares or units and performance shares or units which become fully vested. In addition, each NEO would be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

Includes (i) Company provided group term life insurance benefits, (ii) the value of vested stock options, (iii) accrued vacation through the date of termination, (iv) the vested portion of his or her 401(k) Plan account, (v) any vested benefits under our Pension Plan (vi) any vested benefits under our ESOP, (vii) unless otherwise provided in (5) an equity award agreement, the value of all stock options not previously vested, restricted shares or units and earned performance shares or units which become fully vested and (viii) awards under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year 2016 and paid in fiscal year 2017. In addition, accrued salary through the date of termination would be paid out.

No payments or awards are provided unless restricted shares and options held by the NEOs are not assumed by the (6) successor entity. In the event that the successor entity does not assume the restricted shares and options, all options and earned restricted shares would be vested and payable to the NEOs.

(7) Dr. Celi does not participate in a Company sponsored retirement program or group term life program.

Includes the value of vested stock options. In addition, Dr. Celi would be entitled to receive accrued salary through (8) the date of termination. Dr. Celi is paid in Swiss Francs and amounts are converted to United States Dollars based on the foreign currency spot rate in effect on March 31, 2016.

Includes (i) the value of vested stock options, (ii) unless otherwise provided in an equity award agreement, the (9) value of all options, restricted shares or units and performance shares or units which become fully vested and (iii) awards under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year 2016 and paid in fiscal year 2017. In addition, Dr. Celi would also be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

(10) Includes (i) severance and (ii) the value of vested stock options. In addition, Dr. Celi would also be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

Dr. Celi is subject to a change in control agreement. The benefits he would receive following a termination of employment following a change in control include (i) severance, (ii) the value of vested stock options, (iii) (11) accrued vacation through the date of termination (iv) unless otherwise provided in an equity award agreement, the value of all options, restricted shares or units and performance shares or units which become fully vested and (v) awards under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year 2016 and paid in fiscal year 2017. In addition, Dr. Celi would be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination.

Includes (i) the value of vested stock options, (ii) awards under the Annual Incentive Plan earned in fiscal year (12) 2016 and (iii) the value of restricted stock units. In addition, Dr. Celi would be entitled to receive accrued salary through the date of termination and a proportionate amount of his restricted stock awards that are earned upon attainment of their performance goals.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information about our common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of our existing equity compensation plans as of March 31, 2016, including the Restricted Stock Plan, Omnibus Plan, Non-Qualified Plan and ISO Plan.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (\$)	Number of Securities Remaining for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (excluding securities reflected in first column)	
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	718,801	20.13	497,419	(1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—	
Total	718,801	20.13	497,419	

(1) Of this total, 205,602 are from the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc. and are only available for grant to employees hired after September 2, 2015 or those employed by Magnetek, Inc.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

No interlocking relationship exists between any member of our Compensation and Succession Committee or any of our executive officers and any member of any other company's board of directors or compensation committee (or equivalent), nor has any such relationship existed in the past. No member of our Compensation and Succession Committee was, during fiscal year 2016 or prior thereto, an officer or employee of our Company or any of our subsidiaries.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 31, 2016 regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock by (i) each person who is known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of our common stock; (ii) by each Director; (iii) by each of our executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table and (iv) by all of our executive officers and Directors as a group. The business address of each of the executive officers and Directors is 205 Crosspoint Parkway, Getzville, New York 14068.

	Number Of	Percentage
Directors, Officers and 5% Shareholders	Shares (1)	Of Class
Ernest R. Verebelyi (2)	32,904	*
Timothy T. Tevens (3)	359,708	1.80%
Richard H. Fleming (2)	38,408	*
Stephen Rabinowitz (2)	33,404	*
Linda A. Goodspeed (2)	34,454	*
Nicholas T. Pinchuk (2)	30,439	*
Liam G. McCarthy (2)	27,012	*
R. Scott Trumbull (2)	5,340	*
Heath A. Mitts (2)	2,423	*
Gene Buer (4)	44,607	*
Ivo Celi (5)	44,360	*
Gregory Rustowicz (6)	38,252	*
Kurt Wozniak (7)	27,993	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (16 persons) (8)	756,752	3.78%
Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan	397,726	1.99%
RBC Global Asset Management (US), Inc. (9)	2,568,662	12.80%
Graham Holding Company (10)	1,776,185	8.83%
Pzena Investment Management LLC (11)	1,519,816	7.56%
FMR LLC (12)	1,168,100	5.81%

\* Less than 1%.

(1) Rounded to the nearest whole share. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes, each of the shareholders named (1) in this table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown as beneficially owned by such shareholder, except to the extent that authority is shared by spouses under applicable law.

(2) Does not include 2,600 Restricted Stock Units held by each of Messrs. Verebelyi, Fleming, Rabinowitz, Pinchuk, McCarthy and Ms. Goodspeed, 2,270 Restricted Stock Units held by Mr. Trumbull, and 1,511 Restricted Stock

Units held by Mr. Mitts.

(3) Includes (i) 240,978 shares of common stock owned directly, (ii) 7,000 shares of common stock owned directly by Mr. Tevens' spouse, (iii) 6,223 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Tevens' ESOP account, (iv) 58,997 shares of restricted stock units and performance shares which are subject to forfeiture, of which 20,313 shares of restricted stock units and 12,710 performance shares vest within 60 days, and (v) 46,510 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Tevens which are exercisable within 60 days. Excludes 67,278 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Tevens which are not exercisable within 60 days.

(4) Includes (i) 21,352 shares of common stock owned directly, (ii) 1,011 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Buer's ESOP account, (iii) 12,441 shares of restricted stock units and performance shares which are subject to forfeiture, of which 4,274 shares of restricted stock units and 2,645 performance shares vest within 60 days and (iv) 9,803 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Buer which are exercisable within 60 days. Excludes 14,321 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Buer which are not exercisable within 60 days.

(5) Includes (i) 22,304 shares of common stock owned directly, (ii) 12,299 shares of restricted stock units and performance shares which are subject to forfeiture, of which 4,259 shares of restricted stock units and 2,584 performance shares vest within 60 days, and (iii) 9,757 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Dr. Celi which are exercisable within 60 days. Excludes 14,124 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Dr. Celi which are not exercisable within 60 days.

(6) Includes (i) 11,437 shares of common stock owned directly, (ii) 242 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Rustowicz's ESOP account, (iii) 15,781 shares of restricted stock units and performance shares which are subject to forfeiture, of which 4,692 shares of restricted stock units and 2,896 performance shares vest within 60 days, and (iv) 10,793 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Rustowicz which are exercisable within 60 days. Excludes 17,998 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Rustowicz which are not exercisable within 60 days and 397,484 additional shares of common stock owned by the ESOP for which Mr. Rustowicz serves as one of three trustees and for which he disclaims any beneficial ownership.

(7) Includes (i) 9,346 shares of common stock owned directly, (ii) 1,609 shares of common stock allocated to Mr. Wozniak's ESOP account, (iii) 9,863 shares of restricted stock units and performance shares which are subject to forfeiture, of which 3,000 shares of restricted stock units and 1,931 performance shares vest within 60 days, and (iv) 7,175 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Wozniak which are exercisable within 60 days. Excludes 12,929 shares of common stock issuable under options granted to Mr. Wozniak which are not exercisable within 60 days.

(8) Includes (i) options to purchase an aggregate of 94,917 shares of common stock issuable to certain executive officers which are exercisable within 60 days. Excludes the shares of common stock owned by the ESOP as to which Mr. Rustowicz serves as one of three trustees, except for an aggregate of 10,889 shares allocated to the respective ESOP accounts of our executive officers and (ii) options to purchase an aggregate of 147,351 shares of common stock issued to certain executive officers which are not exercisable within 60 days.

(9) Information with respect to RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc. is based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2016. Based solely upon information in this Schedule 13G, RBC Global Asset Management has shared dispositive power with respect to all of such shares of common stock. The stated business address of RBC Global Asset Management (US), Inc. is 50 South Sixth Street, Suite 2350, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

(10) Information with respect to Graham Holdings Company is based on Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 20, 2016. Based solely upon information in this Schedule 13G, Graham Holdings Company has sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to all such shares and common stock. The stated business address of Graham Holdings Company is 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1700, Arlington, VA 22209.

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Information with respect to Pzena Investment Management LLC is based on a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2016. Based solely upon information in this Schedule 13G, Pzena Investment Management LLC has sole dispositive power with respect to all of such shares of common stock. The stated business address of Pzena Investment Management LLC is 320 Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

(12) Information with respect to FMR LLC is based on a Schedule 13G filed by FMR LLC with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 10, 2016. Based solely upon information in this Schedule 13G, FMR LLC has dispositive power with respect to all such shares of common stock. The stated business address for FMR LLC is 245 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.

## SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our Directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities, to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and NASDAQ initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock and other equity securities. Our executive officers, Directors and greater than 10% shareholders are required to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on our review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required, we are in compliance with all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers, Directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, except due to clerical errors although filed on time we subsequently amended Form 4's for Messrs. Tevens, Rustowicz, Celi, Steinberg and Buer and Mr. Mitt's Form 3 was filed 12 days late.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Audit Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to all related party transactions and relationships. Pursuant to Regulation S-K 404, a "related person" includes (among others) an officer, director and, by reference to S-K 403(a), a party who beneficially owns more than 5% of any class of the Company's voting securities, who is a party to a transaction with the Company in which the payment for a fiscal year exceeds \$120,000. Any such related party transaction is required to be on terms no less favorable to the Company than could be obtained from an unaffiliated third party. The Company has a separate "Related Person Transaction Policy", as well as other various policies and procedures, including the Company's Global Legal Ethics and Business Compliance Manual and the annual directors' and officers' questionnaires that require disclosure of transactions or relationships that may constitute conflicts of interest or require disclosures or affect an independence determination under applicable SEC rules. In fiscal year 2015, the Audit Committee reviewed and approved payments to Fidelity that exceeded the S-K threshold of \$120,000 by approximately \$33,335. Upon review, Fidelity owned more than 5% of the Company's shares and was the trustee and record keeper for the Company's 401(k) plan. The Audit Committee concluded that Fidelity's services were paid by the 401(k) plan participant's not directly by the Company and that such payments were fair and reasonable.

## SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

The cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by us, including expenses in connection with preparing and mailing this Proxy Statement. In addition to the use of the mail, proxies may be solicited by personal interviews or by telephone, telecommunications or other electronic means by our Directors, officers and employees at no additional compensation. Arrangements will be made with brokerage houses, banks and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for the forwarding of solicitation material to the beneficial owners of our common stock, and we will reimburse them for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection therewith.

## OTHER MATTERS

Our management does not presently know of any matters to be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting other than the matters described in the Notice of Annual Meeting. However, if other matters are presented, the accompanying proxy confers upon the person or persons entitled to vote the shares represented by the proxy, discretionary authority to vote such shares in respect of any such other matter in accordance with their best judgment.

## SHAREHOLDERS' PROPOSALS

Proposals of shareholders intended to be presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting must be received by us by April 19, 2016 to be considered for inclusion in our Proxy Statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting. Our By-Laws require that notice of shareholder proposals and nominations for director be delivered to our Secretary not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the Annual Meeting for the preceding year; provided, however, if the Annual Meeting is not scheduled to be held within a period commencing 30 days before such anniversary date and ending 30 days after such anniversary date, such shareholder notice shall be delivered by the later of (i) 90 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting or (ii) the tenth day following the date such Annual Meeting date is first publicly announced or disclosed. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to require us to include in our Proxy Statement and proxy relating to the 2016 Annual Meeting any shareholder proposal that does not meet all of the requirements for inclusion established by our By-Laws and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

### Review of Our Audited Financial Statements

Our Audit Committee is comprised of the Directors named below, each of whom is independent as defined under Section 10A(m) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and section 3 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and under Rule 5605 of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., listing standards as currently in effect. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, our Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Trumbull, Fleming and Mitts qualify as “audit committee financial experts.”

The Audit Committee operates under a written charter which includes provisions requiring Audit Committee advance approval of all audit and non-audit services to be provided by the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm. However, as a matter of course, we will not engage any outside accountants to perform any significant audit or non-audit services without the prior approval of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with our management our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. The Audit Committee has also discussed with Ernst & Young LLP, our independent auditors, the matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 16, “Communications with Audit Committees.”

The Audit Committee has also received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young LLP pursuant to applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditor’s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed the independence of Ernst & Young LLP with that firm.

Based on the review and the discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that our audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

R. Scott Trumbull, Chairman

Richard H. Fleming

Stephen Rabinowitz

Liam G. McCarthy

Heath A. Mitts

May 22, 2016

Columbus McKinnon Corporation  
2016 Long Term Incentive Plan

Article 1. Establishment, Purpose, and Duration

1.1 Establishment. Columbus McKinnon Corporation, a New York corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”), establishes an incentive compensation plan to be known as the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”), as set forth in this document.

This Plan permits the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options, Incentive Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Deferred Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, Performance Units, Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards, Cash-Based Awards, and Other Stock-Based Awards.

This Plan shall become effective upon shareholder approval (the “Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect as provided in Section 1.3 (Duration/Duration of This Plan) hereof.

1.2 Purpose of This Plan. The purpose of this Plan is to provide a means whereby Employees, Directors, and Third-Party Service Providers of the Company develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company, and to encourage them to devote their best efforts to the business of the Company, thereby advancing the interests of the Company and its shareholders. A further purpose of this Plan is to provide a means through which the Company may attract able individuals to become Employees or serve as Directors or Third-Party Service Providers of the Company and to provide a means whereby those individuals upon whom the responsibilities of the successful administration and management of the Company are of importance can acquire and maintain stock ownership, thereby strengthening their concern for the welfare of the Company.

1.3 Duration of This Plan. Unless sooner terminated as provided herein, this Plan shall terminate ten (10) years from the Effective Date. After this Plan is terminated, no Awards may be granted but Awards previously granted shall remain outstanding in accordance with their applicable terms and conditions and this Plan’s terms and conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Incentive Stock Options may be granted more than ten (10) years after the earlier of (a) adoption of this Plan by the Board, or (b) the Effective Date.

1.4 No More Grants Under Prior Plans. After the Effective Date, no more grants will be made under the Prior Plans.

Article 2. Definitions

Whenever used in this Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, and when the meaning is intended, the initial letter of the word shall be capitalized.

2.1 “Affiliate” shall mean any corporation or other entity (including, but not limited to, a partnership or a limited liability company) that is affiliated with the Company through stock or equity ownership or otherwise, and is designated as an Affiliate for purposes of this Plan by the Committee.

2.2 “Alternative Award” has the meaning set forth in Section 21.2 (Alternative Awards).

2.3 “Annual Award Limit” or “Annual Award Limits” have the meaning set forth in Section 4.3 (Annual Award Limits).

2.4

“Award” means, individually or collectively, a grant under this Plan of Nonqualified Stock Options, Incentive Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Deferred Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, Performance Units, Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards, Cash-Based Awards, or Other Stock-Based Awards, in each case subject to the terms of this Plan.

2.5 “Award Agreement” means either (a) a written agreement entered into by the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to an Award granted under this Plan, or (b) a written or electronic statement issued by the Company to a Participant describing the terms and provisions of such Award, including any amendment or modification thereof. The Committee may provide for the use of electronic, Internet, or other non-paper Award Agreements, and the use of electronic, Internet, or other non-paper means for the acceptance thereof and actions thereunder by a Participant.

2.6 “Beneficial Owner” or “Beneficial Ownership” shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in Rule 13d-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act.

2.7 “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.8 “Cash-Based Award” means an Award, denominated in cash, granted to a Participant as described in Article 11 (Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards).

2.9 “Cause” means, unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement or in an applicable employment agreement between the Company and a Participant, with respect to any Participant, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion:

(a) Commission of a willful serious act, such as embezzlement, against the Company which is intended to enrich the Participant at the expense of the Company;

(b) Conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude; or

(c) Any willful, gross neglect or willful, gross misconduct resulting in either case in material harm to the Company, or a violation of the Company’s Code of Conduct. For purposes of this Section 2.9(c), no act, or failure to act, on a Participant’s behalf will be deemed “willful” unless done, or omitted to be done, by the Participant not in good faith and without reasonable belief that the Participant’s action or omission was in the best interest of the Company.

2.10 “Change in Control” means, unless otherwise defined in an Award Agreement, any of the following events:

Any “Person,” as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (other than the Company, any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company, or any Company owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in

(a) substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company), is or becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing twenty percent (20%) or more of either (i) the then outstanding shares of common stock of the Company or (ii) the combined voting power of the Company’s then outstanding securities;

(b) During any period of two (2) consecutive years (not including any period prior to the execution of this Agreement), individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board, and any new director (other than a director designated by a person who has entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in paragraph (a), (c), (d) or (e) of this Section 2.10 whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company’s stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof;





- There shall be consummated any reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company with any other entity, other than (i) a reorganization, merger or consolidation which would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) more than sixty percent (60%) of the combined voting (c)power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding immediately after such reorganization, merger or consolidation or (ii) a reorganization, merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no "Person" (as herein above defined) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, twenty percent (20%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities;
- (d) Any Person or Persons acquire all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, whether in a single transaction or series of transactions; or
- (e) The stockholders of the Company approve a plan of dissolution or complete liquidation of the Company or an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets.

For purposes hereof, ownership of voting securities shall take into account and shall include ownership as determined by applying the provisions of Rule 13d-3(d)(1)(i) (as in effect on the date hereof) pursuant to the Exchange Act.

A "Change in Control" shall not result from any transaction precipitated by the Company's insolvency, appointment of a conservator, or determination by a regulatory agency that the Company is insolvent, nor from any transaction initiated by the Company in regard to converting from a publicly traded company to a privately held company.

"Change-in-Control Price" means the price per share on a fully diluted basis offered in conjunction with any 2.11 transaction resulting in a Change in Control, as determined in good faith by the Committee as constituted before the Change in Control, if any part of the offered price is payable other than in cash.

"Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. For purposes of this Plan, 2.12 references to sections of the Code shall be deemed to include references to any applicable regulations thereunder and any successor or similar provision.

"Committee" means the Compensation and Succession Committee of the Board or a subcommittee thereof, or any other committee designated by the Board to administer this Plan. The members of the Committee shall be 2.13 appointed from time to time by and shall serve at the discretion of the Board. If the Committee does not exist or cannot function for any reason, the Board may take any action under the Plan that would otherwise be the responsibility of the Committee.

"Company" means Columbus McKinnon Corporation, a New York corporation, and any successor thereto as 2.14 provided in Article 24 (Successors) herein.

"Consolidated Operating Earnings" means the consolidated earnings before income taxes of the Company, 2.15 computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, but shall exclude the effects of Extraordinary Items.

2.16 “Covered Employee” means any Employee who is or may become a “Covered Employee,” as defined in Code Section 162(m), and who is designated, either as an individual Employee or class of Employees, by the Committee within the shorter of (a) ninety (90) days after the beginning of the Performance Period, or (b) twenty-five percent (25%) of the Performance Period has elapsed, as a “Covered Employee” under this Plan for such applicable Performance Period.

2.17 “Covered Employee Annual Incentive Award” means an Award granted to a Covered Employee as described in Article 12 (Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards).

2.18 “Deferred Stock Unit” means a Participant’s contractual right to receive a stated number of Shares, or if provided by the Committee on the Grant Date, cash equal to the Fair Market Value of such Shares, under the Plan at the end of a specified period of time or upon the occurrence of a specified event.

2.19 “Director” means any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.20 “Disability” means, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement:

(a) With respect to a Participant who is a party to a written employment agreement with the Company, which agreement contains a definition of “disability” or “permanent disability” (or words of like import) for purposes of termination of employment thereunder by the Company, “disability” or “permanent disability” as defined in the most recent of such agreements; or

(b) In all other cases, means such Participant’s inability to perform substantially his or her duties to the Company by reason of physical or mental illness, injury, infirmity, or condition: (i) for a continuous period for one hundred eighty (180) days or one or more periods aggregating one hundred eighty (180) days in any twelve (12) month period; (ii) at such time as such Participant is eligible to receive disability income payments under any long-term disability insurance plan maintained by the Company; or (iii) at such earlier time as such Participant or the Company submits medical evidence, in the form of a physician’s certification, that such Participant has a physical or mental illness, injury, infirmity, or condition that will likely prevent such Participant from substantially performing his duties for one hundred eighty (180) days or longer.

2.21 “Dividend Equivalent Right” means the right to receive an amount, calculated with respect to a Full-Value Award, which is determined by multiplying the number of Shares subject to the applicable Award by the per-Share cash dividend, or the per-Share Fair Market Value (as determined by the Committee) of any dividend in consideration other than cash, paid by the Company on Shares.

2.22 “Effective Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1 (Establishment).

2.23 “Eligible Individual” means an individual who is an Employee, Director, and/or Third-Party Service Provider.

- “Employee” means any individual designated as an employee of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries on the payroll records thereof. An Employee shall not include any individual during any period he or she is classified or treated by the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary as an independent contractor, a consultant, or
- 2.24 any employee of an employment, consulting, or temporary agency or any other entity other than the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary, without regard to whether such individual is subsequently determined to have been, or is subsequently retroactively reclassified as, a common-law employee of the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary during such period.
- 2.25 “Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor act thereto.
- 2.26 “Extraordinary Items” means (a) extraordinary, unusual, and/or nonrecurring items of gain or loss; (b) gains or losses on the disposition of a business; (c) changes in tax or accounting regulations or laws; or (d) the effect of a merger or acquisition, all of which must be identified in the audited financial statements, including footnotes, or Management Discussion and Analysis section of the Company’s annual report.
- 2.27 “Fair Market Value” or “FMV” means a price that is based on the opening, closing, actual, high, low, or average selling prices of a Share reported on the Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) or other established stock exchange (or exchanges) on the applicable date, the preceding trading day, the next succeeding trading day, or an average of trading days, as determined by the Committee in its discretion. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, Fair Market Value shall be deemed to be equal to the average of the opening and closing prices of a Share on the most recent date on which Shares were publicly traded. In the event Shares are not publicly traded at the time a determination of their value is required to be made hereunder, the determination of their Fair Market Value shall be made by the Committee in such manner as it deems appropriate.
- 2.28 “Full-Value Award” means an Award other than an ISO, NQSO, or SAR, which is settled by the issuance of Shares.
- 2.29 “Grant Date” means the date an Award is granted to a Participant pursuant to the Plan.
- 2.30 “Grant Price” means the price established at the time of grant of an SAR pursuant to Article 7 (Stock Appreciation Rights), used to determine whether there is any payment due upon exercise of the SAR.
- 2.31 “Incentive Stock Option” or “ISO” means an Option to purchase Shares granted under Article 6 (Stock Options) to an Employee and that is designated as an Incentive Stock Option and that is intended to meet the requirements of Code Section 422, or any successor provision.
- 2.32 “Insider” shall mean an individual who is, on the relevant date, an officer or Director of the Company, or a more than ten percent (10%) Beneficial Owner of any class of the Company’s equity securities that is registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, as determined by the Board in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.
- 2.33 “Net Income” means the consolidated net income before taxes for the Plan Year, as reported in the Company’s annual report to shareholders or as otherwise reported to shareholders.
- 2.34 “New Employer” means a Participant’s employer, or the parent or a subsidiary of such employer, immediately following a Change in Control.



2.35 “New Nonemployee Director Award” means an Award for a Nonemployee Director of up to an additional fifteen thousand (15,000) Shares in the Plan Year in which an individual is first appointed or elected to the Board as a Nonemployee Director.

2.36 “Nonemployee Director” means a Director who is not an Employee.

2.37 “Nonemployee Director Award” means any NQSO, SAR, or Full-Value Award granted, whether singly, in combination, or in tandem, to a Participant who is a Nonemployee Director pursuant to such applicable terms, conditions, and limitations as the Board or Committee may establish in accordance with this Plan.

2.38 “Nonqualified Stock Option” or “NQSO” means an Option that is not intended to meet the requirements of Code Section 422, or that otherwise does not meet such requirements.

2.39 “Option” means an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option, as described in Article 6 (Stock Options).

2.40 “Option Price” means the price at which a Share may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to an Option.

2.41 “Other Stock-Based Award” means an equity-based or equity-related Award not otherwise described by the terms of this Plan, granted pursuant to Article 11 (Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards).

2.42 “Participant” means any Eligible Individual as set forth in Article 5 (Eligibility and Participation) to whom an Award is granted.

2.43 “Performance-Based Compensation” means compensation under an Award that is intended to satisfy the requirements of Code Section 162(m) for certain performance-based compensation paid to Covered Employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Plan shall be construed to mean that an Award which does not satisfy the requirements for performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m) does not constitute performance-based compensation for other purposes, including Code Section 409A.

2.44 “Performance Measures” means measures as described in Article 14 (Performance Measures) on which the performance goals are based and which are approved by the Company’s shareholders pursuant to this Plan in order to qualify Awards as Performance-Based Compensation.

2.45 “Performance Period” means the period of time during which the performance goals must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award.

2.46 “Performance Share” means a grant of a stated number of Shares to a Participant under the Plan that is forfeitable by the Participant until the attainment of specified performance goals, or until otherwise determined by the Committee or in accordance with the Plan, subject to the continuous employment of the Participant through the applicable Performance Period.

2.47 “Performance Share Unit” means a Participant’s contractual right to receive a stated number of Shares, or if provided by the Committee on or after the grant date, cash equal to the Fair Market Value of such Shares, under the Plan at a specified time that are forfeitable by the Participant until the attainment of specified performance goals, or until otherwise determined by the Committee or in accordance with the Plan, subject to the continuous employment of the Participant through the applicable Performance Period.

2.48 “Performance Unit” means a Participant’s contractual right to receive a cash-denominated award, payable in cash or Shares, under the Plan at a specified time that is forfeitable by the Participant until the attainment of specified performance goals, or until otherwise determined by the Committee or in accordance with the Plan, subject to the continuous employment of the Participant through the applicable Performance Period.

2.49 “Person” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 3(a)(9) of the Exchange Act and used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) thereof, including a “group” as defined in Section 13(d) thereof.

2.50 “Plan” means the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan.

2.51 “Plan Year” means the Company’s fiscal year which currently begins April 1 and ends March 31.

2.52 “Prior Plans” means the Company’s 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan, the 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan, the 1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan, the Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, the Restricted Stock Plan, and the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan of Magnetek, Inc.

2.53 “Restricted Stock” means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Article 8 (Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units).

2.54 “Restricted Stock Unit” means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Article 8 (Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units), except no Shares are actually awarded to the Participant on the Grant Date.

2.55 “Restriction Period” means the period when Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Deferred Stock Units, and/or Other Stock-Based Awards are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (based on the passage of time, the achievement of performance goals, or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Committee, in its discretion).

2.56 “Retirement” shall be reached when a Participant’s employment terminates from the Company, Affiliates, and any Subsidiary and at the time of such termination the Participant’s age and years of service as an employee of the Company, Affiliate, or any Subsidiary were either (a) age sixty-five (65) or older with at least five (5) years of service, or (b) age sixty-two (62) or older, with at least twenty-five (25) years of service.

2.57 “Share” means a share of common stock of the Company, par value \$.01 per share.

2.58 “Share Authorization” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(a) (Share Authorization).

2.59 “Stock Appreciation Right” or “SAR” means an Award, designated as an SAR, pursuant to the terms of Article 7 (Stock Appreciation Rights) herein.

2.60 “Subsidiary” means any corporation or other entity, whether domestic or foreign, in which the Company has or obtains, directly or indirectly, a proprietary interest of more than fifty percent (50%) by reason of stock ownership or otherwise.

2.61 “Tax Laws” means any applicable federal, state, local, or foreign laws and regulations thereunder.

2.62 “Third-Party Service Provider” means any consultant, agent, advisor, or independent contractor who renders services to the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate that (a) are not in connection with the offer and sale of the Company’s securities in a capital-raising transaction, and (b) do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company’s securities.

### Article 3. Administration

3.1 General. The Committee shall be responsible for administering this Plan, subject to this Article 3 (Administration) and the other provisions of this Plan. The Committee may employ attorneys, consultants, accountants, agents, and other individuals, any of whom may be an Employee, and the Committee, the Company, and its officers and Directors shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions, or valuations of any such individuals. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee shall be final and binding upon the Participants, the Company, and all other interested individuals.

3.2 Authority of the Committee. The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to interpret the terms and the intent of this Plan and any Award Agreement or other agreement or document ancillary to or in connection with this Plan, to determine eligibility for Awards and to adopt such rules, regulations, forms, instruments, and guidelines for administering this Plan as the Committee may deem necessary or proper. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, (a) selecting Award recipients, (b) establishing all Award terms and conditions, including the terms and conditions set forth in Award Agreements and any ancillary document or materials, (c) granting Awards as an alternative to or as the form of payment for grants or rights earned or due under compensation plans or arrangements of the Company, (d) construing any ambiguous provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement, (e) establishing and certifying satisfaction of performance goals for purposes of satisfying the requirements of Code Section 162(m), (f) subject to Article 22 (Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination), adopting modifications and amendments to this Plan or any Award Agreement, including without limitation, any that are necessary to comply with the laws of the countries and other jurisdictions in which the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries operate, and (g) making any other determination and taking any other action that it deems necessary or desirable for the administration or operation of the Plan and/or any Award Agreement.

3.3 Delegation. The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members or to one or more officers of the Company, and/or its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, or to one or more agents or advisors such administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable, and the Committee or any individuals to whom it has delegated duties or powers as aforesaid may employ one or more individuals to render advice with respect to any responsibility the Committee or such individuals may have under this Plan. The Committee may, by resolution, authorize one or more officers of the Company to do one or both of the following on the same basis as can the Committee: (a) designate Employees to be recipients of Awards; (b) designate Third-Party Service Providers to be recipients of Awards; and (c) determine the size of any such Awards; provided, however, (i) the Committee shall not delegate such responsibilities to any such officer for Awards granted to a Nonemployee Director or an Employee who is considered an Insider; (ii) the resolution providing such authorization sets forth the total number of Shares and/or Awards such officer(s) may grant; and (iii) the officer(s) shall report periodically to the Committee regarding the nature and scope of the Awards granted pursuant to the authority delegated.

Article 4. Shares Subject to This Plan and Maximum Awards

4.1 Number of Shares Available for Awards.

(a) Share Authorization.

Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.4 (Shares Subject to This Plan and Maximum Awards/Adjustments in Authorized Shares) herein, the maximum number of Shares available for issuance to Participants under this Plan (the "Share

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Authorization”) shall be two million (2,000,000) Shares consisting of Shares not previously authorized for issuance under any plan and any Shares not issued or subject to outstanding awards under the Company’s Prior Plans as of the Effective Date. Additionally, any Shares subject to outstanding awards as of the Effective Date under the Prior Plans that on or after the Effective Date cease for any reason to be subject to such awards (other than by reason of exercise or settlement of the awards to the extent they are exercised for or settled in vested and non-forfeitable Shares) shall be added to the Share Authorization using the Share counts specified in Section 4.1(b) (Number of Shares Available for Awards/Limit on Full Value Awards).

(b) Limit on Full Value Awards. To the extent that a Share is issued pursuant to the grant or exercise of a Full Value Award, it shall reduce the Share Authorization by two and one-tenth (2.1) Shares; and, to the extent that a Share is issued pursuant to the grant or exercise of an Award other than a Full Value Award, it shall reduce the Share Authorization by one (1) Share.

(c) Limits on ISOs. The maximum number of Shares of the Share Authorization that may be issued pursuant to ISOs under this Plan shall be two million (2,000,000) Shares.

(d) Limit on Nonemployee Director Awards. Subject to adjustment in Section 4.4 (Adjustments in Authorized Shares), the maximum number of Shares of the Share Authorization that may be issued to Nonemployee Directors shall be two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) Shares, and no Nonemployee Director may be granted an Award covering more than fifteen thousand (15,000) Shares in any Plan Year, except that this annual limit on Nonemployee Director Awards shall be increased to thirty thousand (30,000) Shares for any Nonemployee Director serving as Chairman of the Board; provided, however, that in the Plan Year in which an individual is first appointed or elected to the Board as a Nonemployee Director, such individual may be granted an Award covering up to an additional fifteen thousand (15,000) Shares (a “New Nonemployee Director Award”).

(e) Minimum Vesting Requirements for Awards. Except with respect to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the Share Authorization, any Full Value Awards which vest on the basis of the Participant’s continued employment with or provision of service to the Company shall not provide for vesting which is any more rapid than over a three (3) year period, and any Full-Value Awards which vest upon the attainment of performance goals shall provide for a performance period of at least twelve (12) months. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may permit acceleration of vesting of such Full-Value Awards in the event of the Participant’s death, disability, or retirement, or a Change in Control.

4.2 Share Usage. Shares covered by an Award shall only be counted as used to the extent they are actually issued. Any Shares related to Awards which terminate by expiration, forfeiture, cancellation, or otherwise without the issuance of such Shares, are settled in cash in lieu of Shares, or are exchanged with the Committee’s permission, prior to the issuance of Shares, for Awards not involving Shares, shall be available again for grant under this Plan. However, the full number of Stock Appreciation Rights granted that are to be settled by the issuance of Shares shall be counted against the number of Shares available for award under the Plan, regardless of the number of Shares actually issued upon settlement of such Stock Appreciation Rights. Furthermore, any Shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations on an Award issued under the Plan, Shares tendered to pay the exercise price of an Award under the Plan, and Shares repurchased on the open market with the proceeds of an Option exercise will no longer be eligible to be again available for grant under this Plan. To the extent permitted by applicable law or any exchange rule, Shares issued in assumption of, or in substitution for, any outstanding awards of any entity acquired in any form of combination by the Company, a Subsidiary or any Affiliate shall not be counted against Shares available for grant pursuant to the Plan. The Shares available for issuance under this Plan may be authorized and unissued Shares or treasury Shares.

4.3 Annual Award Limits. The following limits (each an “Annual Award Limit” and, collectively, “Annual Award Limits”), as adjusted pursuant to Sections 4.4 (Adjustments in Authorized Shares) and/or 22.2 (Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events), shall apply to grants of such Awards under this Plan:

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(a) Options: The maximum aggregate number of Shares subject to Options granted in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be two hundred thousand (200,000).

(b) SARs: The maximum number of Shares subject to Stock Appreciation Rights granted in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be two hundred thousand (200,000).

Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units: The maximum aggregate grant with respect to Awards of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be one hundred fifty thousand (150,000).

(d) Deferred Stock Units: The maximum aggregate grant with respect to Awards of Deferred Stock Units in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be one hundred fifty thousand (150,000).

Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, or Performance Units: The maximum aggregate Award of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, or Performance Units that a Participant may receive in any one Plan Year shall be one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) Shares, or equal to the value of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) Shares, determined as of the date of vesting or payout, as applicable.

Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards: The maximum aggregate amount awarded or credited in any one Plan Year with respect to a Covered Employee Annual Incentive Award pursuant to Article 12 (Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards) may not exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

(g) Cash-Based Awards: The maximum aggregate amount awarded or credited with respect to Cash-Based Awards to any one Participant in any one Plan Year may not exceed the greater of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or the value of one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) Shares, determined as of the date of vesting or payout, as applicable.

(h) Other Stock-Based Awards: The maximum aggregate grant with respect to Other Stock-Based Awards pursuant to Section 11.2 (Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards/Other Stock-Based Awards) in any one Plan Year to any one Participant shall be one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) Shares.

4.4 Adjustments in Authorized Shares. In the event of any corporate event or transaction (including, but not limited to, a change in the Shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, partial or complete liquidation, stock dividend, special cash dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination of Shares, exchange of Shares, dividend in-kind, or other like change in capital structure, number of outstanding Shares or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to shareholders of the Company, or any similar corporate event or transaction, the Committee, in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under this Plan, shall substitute or adjust, as applicable, the number and kind of Shares that may be issued under this Plan or under particular forms of Awards, the number and kind of Shares subject to outstanding Awards, the Option Price or Grant Price applicable to outstanding Awards, the Annual Award Limits, and other value determinations applicable to outstanding Awards. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may also make appropriate adjustments in the terms of any Awards under this Plan to reflect such changes or distributions, including modifications of performance goals and changes in the length of Performance Periods. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be at the discretion of the Committee and shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under this Plan.

Subject to the provisions of Article 22 (Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination) and notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, without affecting the number of Shares reserved or available hereunder, the Committee may authorize the issuance or assumption of benefits under this Plan in connection with any merger,

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of property or stock, or reorganization upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate (including, but not limited to, a conversion of equity awards into Awards under this Plan), subject to compliance with the rules under Code Sections 409A, 422, and 424, as and where applicable.

#### Article 5. Eligibility and Participation

5.1 Eligibility. Individuals eligible to participate in this Plan include all Employees, Directors, and Third-Party Service Providers.

5.2 Actual Participation. Subject to the provisions of this Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, select from the Eligible Individuals those individuals to whom Awards shall be granted.

#### Article 6. Stock Options

6.1 Grant of Options. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan, Options may be granted to Eligible Individuals in such number, and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion; provided that ISOs may be granted only to Employees of the Company or of any parent or subsidiary corporation (as permitted under Code Sections 422 and 424). However, unless legitimate business criteria exist (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(5)(E)(1)), an Employee who is employed by an Affiliate and/or Subsidiary and is subject to Code Section 409A may only be granted Options to the extent the Affiliate and/or Subsidiary is part of the Company's consolidated group for United States federal tax purposes, in accordance with Section 25.14(d) (Determining "Controlled Group").

6.2 Award Agreement. Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Option Price, the maximum duration of the Option, the number of Shares to which the Option pertains, the conditions upon which an Option shall become vested and exercisable, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine which are not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan. The Award Agreement also shall specify whether the Option is intended to be an ISO or an NQSO.

6.3 Option Price. The Option Price for each grant of an Option under this Plan shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion and shall be specified in the Award Agreement; provided, however, the Option Price must be at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the FMV of the Shares as determined on the Grant Date.

6.4 Term of Options. Each Option granted to a Participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, no Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its grant, except as provided in Section 6.8 (Blackout Periods) below.

6.5 Exercise of Options. Options granted under this Article 6 (Stock Options) shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall in each instance approve, which terms and restrictions need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant.

Options granted under this Article 6 (Stock Options) shall be exercised by the delivery of a notice of exercise to the Company or an agent designated by the Company in a form specified or accepted by the Committee (setting forth the number of Shares with respect to which the Option is to be exercised, accompanied by full payment for the Shares), or by complying with any alternative exercise procedure(s) the Committee may authorize.

6.6 Payment. A condition of the issuance of the Shares as to which an Option shall be exercised shall be the payment of the Option Price. The Option Price of any Option shall be payable to the Company in full either: (a) in cash or its equivalent; (b) by tendering (either by actual delivery or attestation) previously acquired Shares having an

aggregate Fair Market Value at the time of exercise equal to the Option Price; (c) by a cashless (broker-assisted) exercise; (d) by a combination of (a), (b), and/or (c); or (e) any other method approved or accepted by the Committee in its sole discretion.

Subject to any governing rules or regulations, as soon as practicable after receipt of written notification of exercise and full payment (including satisfaction of any applicable tax withholding), the Company shall deliver to the Participant evidence of book entry Shares, or upon the Participant's request, Share certificates in an appropriate amount based upon the number of Shares purchased under the Option(s).

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, all payments under all of the methods indicated above shall be paid in United States dollars.

6.7 Restrictions on Share Transferability. The Committee may impose such restrictions on any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option granted under this Article 6 (Stock Options) as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, minimum holding period requirements, restrictions under applicable federal securities laws, under the requirements of any stock exchange or market upon which such Shares are then listed and/or traded, or under any blue sky or state securities laws applicable to such Shares.

6.8 Blackout Periods. If there is a blackout period under the Company's insider trading policy, applicable law, or a Board- or Committee-imposed blackout period that prohibits the buying and selling of Shares during any part of the ten-day period before the expiration of any Option based on the termination of a Participant's service, the period for exercising the Options shall be extended until ten (10) days beyond when such blackout period ends. Notwithstanding any provision hereof or within an Award Agreement, no Option shall ever be exercisable after the expiration of its original term as set forth in the Award Agreement and/or this Plan.

6.9 Notification of Disqualifying Disposition. If any Participant shall make any disposition of Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of an ISO under the circumstances described in Code Section 421(b) (relating to certain disqualifying dispositions), such Participant shall notify the Company of such disposition within ten (10) days thereof.

Article 7. Stock Appreciation Rights

7.1 Grant of SARs. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan, SARs may be granted to Eligible Participants at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee. However, unless legitimate business criteria exist (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(5)(E)(1)), an Employee who is employed by an Affiliate and/or Subsidiary and is subject to Code Section 409A may only be granted SARs to the extent the Affiliate and/or Subsidiary is part of the Company's consolidated group for United States federal tax purposes, in accordance with Section 25.14(d) (Determining "Controlled Group").

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan, the Committee shall have complete discretion in determining the number of SARs granted to each Participant and, consistent with the provisions of this Plan, in determining the terms and conditions pertaining to such SARs.

The Grant Price for each grant of an SAR shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the Award Agreement; provided, however, the Grant Price on the Grant Date must be at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the FMV of the Shares as determined on the Grant Date.

7.2 SAR Agreement. Each SAR Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Grant Price, the term of the SAR, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.

7.3 Term of SAR. The term of an SAR granted under this Plan shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, and except as determined otherwise by the Committee and specified in the SAR Award Agreement, no SAR shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its grant.

7.4 Exercise of SARs. SARs may be exercised upon whatever terms and conditions the Committee, in its sole discretion, imposes. All SARs will be exercised automatically on the last trading day prior to the expiration date of the SAR or, in the case of SARs granted in tandem with Options, any related Option, so long as the Fair Market Value of a Share on that date exceed the Grant Price of the SAR or the Option Price of any related Option, as applicable.

7.5 Settlement of SARs. Upon the exercise of an SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount determined by multiplying:

- (a) The excess of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise over the Grant Price; by
- (b) The number of Shares with respect to which the SAR is exercised.

At the discretion of the Committee, the payment upon SAR exercise may be in cash, Shares, or any combination thereof, or in any other manner approved by the Committee in its sole discretion. The Committee's determination regarding the form of SAR payout shall be set forth in the Award Agreement pertaining to the grant of the SAR.



7.6 Other Restrictions. The Committee shall impose such other conditions and/or restrictions on any Shares received upon exercise of an SAR granted pursuant to this Plan as it may deem advisable or desirable. These restrictions may include, but shall not be limited to, a requirement that the Participant hold the Shares received upon exercise of an SAR for a specified period of time.

#### Article 8. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

8.1 Grant of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Shares of Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Units to Eligible Individuals in such amounts as the Committee shall determine. Restricted Stock Units shall be similar to Restricted Stock except that no Shares are actually awarded to the Eligible Individual on the Grant Date.

8.2 Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit Agreement. Each Restricted Stock and/or Restricted Stock Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Period(s) of Restriction, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock or the number of Restricted Stock Units granted, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.

8.3 Other Restrictions. The Committee shall impose such other conditions and/or restrictions on any Shares of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to this Plan as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, a requirement that Participants pay a stipulated purchase price for each Share of Restricted Stock or each Restricted Stock Unit, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance goals, time-based restrictions on vesting following the attainment of the performance goals, time-based restrictions, and/or restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of any stock exchange or market upon which such Shares are listed or traded, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed on the Shares by the Company upon vesting of such Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.

To the extent deemed appropriate by the Committee, the Company may retain the certificates representing Shares of Restricted Stock in the Company's possession until such time as all conditions and/or restrictions applicable to such Shares have been satisfied or lapse.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article 8 (Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units), Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock Award shall become freely transferable by the Participant after all conditions and restrictions applicable to such Shares have been satisfied or lapse (including satisfaction of any applicable tax withholding obligations), and Restricted Stock Units shall be paid in cash, Shares, or a combination of cash and Shares as the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine.

8.4 Certificate Legend. In addition to any legends placed on certificates pursuant to Section 8.3 (Other Restrictions), each certificate representing Shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to this Plan may bear a legend such as the following or as otherwise determined by the Committee in its sole discretion:

“The sale or transfer of Shares of stock represented by this certificate, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, is subject to certain restrictions on transfer as set forth in the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan and in the associated Award Agreement. A copy of this Plan and such Award Agreement may be obtained from Columbus McKinnon Corporation.”

8.5 Voting Rights. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in a Participant's Award Agreement, to the extent permitted or required by law, as determined by the Committee, Participants holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may be granted the right to exercise full voting rights with respect to those

Shares during the Period of Restriction. A Participant shall have no voting rights with respect to any Restricted Stock Units granted hereunder.

8.6 Section 83(b) Election. The Committee may provide in an Award Agreement that the Award of Restricted Stock is conditioned upon the Participant making or refraining from making an election with respect to the Award under Code Section 83(b). If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Code Section 83(b) concerning a Restricted Stock Award, the Participant shall be required to file promptly a copy of such election with the Company.

#### Article 9. Deferred Stock Units

9.1 In General. Deferred Stock Units may be granted to Eligible Individuals at such time or times as shall be determined by the Committee without regard to any election by the Participant to defer receipt of any compensation or bonus amount payable to him. In addition, on fixed dates established by the Committee and subject to such terms and conditions as

the Committee shall determine, the Committee may permit a Participant to elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of his annual compensation, annual incentive bonus and/or long-term compensation (other than Options or SARs) (“Deferred Annual Amount”) payable by the Company or a Subsidiary and receive in lieu thereof an Award of elective Deferred Stock Units equal to the number which may be obtained by dividing (i) the amount of the Deferred Annual Amount, by (ii) the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of payment of such compensation and/or annual bonus (“Elective Deferred Stock Units”). Deferred Stock Units shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the number of Shares to which the Deferred Stock Unit pertains, and such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as the Committee shall determine, including customary representations, warranties, and covenants with respect to securities law matters. Upon the grant of Deferred Stock Units pursuant to the Plan, the Company shall establish a notional account for the Participant and will record in such account the number of Shares underlying the Deferred Stock Units awarded to the Participant. No Shares will be issued to the Participant at the time an award of Deferred Stock Units is granted.

9.2 Rights as a Stockholder. The Committee shall determine whether and to what extent Dividend Equivalent Rights will be credited to the account of, or paid currently to, a Participant receiving an Award of Deferred Stock Units. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee at or after the grant date, (a) any cash dividends or distributions credited to the Participant’s account shall be deemed to have been invested in additional Deferred Stock Units on the record date established for the related dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the number which may be obtained by dividing (i) the value of such dividend or distribution on the record date by (ii) the Fair Market Value of one Share on such date, and such additional Deferred Stock Units shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as are applicable in respect of the Deferred Stock Units with respect to which such dividends or distributions were payable, and (b) if any such dividends or distributions are paid in Shares or other securities, such shares and other securities shall be subject to the same Restriction Period and other restrictions, if any, as apply to the Deferred Stock Units with respect to which they were paid. A Participant shall not have any rights as a stockholder in respect of Deferred Stock Units awarded pursuant to the Plan (including, without limitation, the right to vote on any matter submitted to the Company’s stockholders) until such time as the Shares attributable to such Deferred Stock Units have been issued to such Participant or his beneficiary.

9.3 Vesting. Unless the Committee provides otherwise at or after the Grant Date, the portion of each Award of Deferred Stock Units that consists of Deferred Stock Units, together with any Dividend Equivalent Rights credited with respect thereto, will be subject to a Restriction Period that shall lapse based on the performance of a minimum period of service or the occurrence of any event or events, including a Change in Control, as the Committee shall determine, either at or after the grant date. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, the Board may accelerate the lapse of the Restriction Period of any Deferred Stock Units at or after the Grant Date. The portion of each Award of Deferred Stock Units that consists of Elective Deferred Stock Units, together with any Dividend Equivalent Rights credited with respect thereto, shall not be subject to any Restriction Period and shall be non-forfeitable at all times.

9.4 Settlement. Subject to Articles 15 (Transferability of Awards), 21 (Change in Control), and 25 (General Provisions), and the last sentence of Section 9.1 (In General), unless the Committee determines otherwise at or after the Grant Date, the Company shall issue the Shares underlying any of a Participant’s Deferred Stock Units (and related Dividend Equivalent Rights) for which the Restriction Period shall have lapsed on or prior to the date of such Participant’s termination of employment with or termination of service to the Company, Affiliate, and any Subsidiary, other than a termination for Cause, as soon as administratively practicable, but not later than two and one-half (2½) months following the date of such termination of employment or service (or on such earlier date as the Committee shall permit or such later date as may be elected by the Participant in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Board). In the event of the termination of a Participant’s employment with or service to the Company, Affiliates, and the Subsidiaries for Cause, the Participant shall immediately forfeit all rights with respect to any shares of Deferred Stock Units (and related Dividend Equivalent Rights) credited to his account, whether or not the Restriction Period

shall have then lapsed. Subject to Articles 15 (Transferability of Awards), 21 (Change in Control), and 25 (General Provisions), and the last sentence of Section 9.1 (In General), unless the Committee determines otherwise at or after the grant date, the Company shall issue the Shares underlying any of a Participant's Elective Deferred Stock Units (and related Dividend Equivalent Rights) credited to such Participant's account under the Plan as soon as administratively practicable, but not later than two and one-half (2½) months following the date of such Participant's termination of employment or service (or such later date as may be elected by the Participant in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Committee). The Committee may provide in the Award Agreement applicable to any Award of Deferred Stock Units that, in lieu of issuing Shares in settlement of any Deferred Stock Units, the Committee may direct the Company to pay to the Participant the Fair Market Value of the Shares corresponding to such Deferred Stock Units in cash. For each Share received in settlement of Deferred Stock Units, the Company shall deliver to the Participant a certificate representing such Share, bearing appropriate legends, if applicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 9.4 (Settlement), the Committee may accelerate the distribution of any and all Shares subject to any Award of Deferred Stock Units prior to the time otherwise specified in this Section 9.4 (Settlement).

9.5 Further Deferral Elections. A Participant may elect to further defer receipt of Shares issuable in respect of Deferred Stock Units (or an installment of an Award) for a specified period or until a specified event, subject in each case to the Committee's approval and to such terms as are determined by the Committee, all in its sole discretion, in accordance with Section 25.14(c)(iii) (Subsequent Deferral Elections).

#### Article 10. Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and Performance Units

10.1 Grant of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and Performance Units. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units to Eligible Individuals in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.

10.2 Value of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and Performance Units. Each Performance Share and each Performance Share Unit shall have an initial value equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Grant Date. Each Performance Unit shall have an initial value that is established by the Committee at the time of grant. The Committee shall set performance goals in its discretion which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the value and/or number of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units that will be paid out to the Participant.

10.3 Earning of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and Performance Units. Subject to the terms of this Plan, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units shall be entitled to receive payout on the value and number of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units earned by the Participant over the Performance Period, to be determined as a function of the extent to which the corresponding performance goals have been achieved.

10.4 Form and Timing of Payment of Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and Performance Units. Payment of earned Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units shall be as determined by the Committee and as evidenced in the Award Agreement. Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units in the form of cash or in Shares (or in a combination thereof) equal to the value of the earned Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, and/or Performance Units at the close of the applicable Performance Period, but no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the third (3rd) month after the year in which the Performance Period ended. Any Shares may be granted subject to any restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form of payout of such Awards shall be set forth in the Award Agreement pertaining to the grant of the Award.

#### Article 11. Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards

11.1 Grant of Cash-Based Awards. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Cash-Based Awards to Eligible Individuals in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee may determine.

11.2 Other Stock-Based Awards. The Committee may grant to Eligible Individuals other types of equity-based or equity-related Awards not otherwise described by the terms of this Plan (including the grant or offer for sale of unrestricted Shares) in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine. Such Awards may involve the transfer of actual Shares to Participants, or payment in cash or otherwise of amounts based on the value of Shares and may include, without limitation, Awards designed to comply with or take advantage of the applicable local laws of jurisdictions other than the United States.

11.3 Value of Cash-Based and Other Stock-Based Awards. Each Cash-Based Award shall specify a payment amount or payment range as determined by the Committee. Each Other Stock-Based Award shall be expressed in terms of Shares or units based on Shares, as determined by the Committee. The Committee may establish performance goals in its discretion. If the Committee exercises its discretion to establish performance goals, the number and/or value of Cash-Based Awards or Other Stock-Based Awards that will be paid out to the Participant will depend on the extent to which the performance goals are met.

11.4 Payment of Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards. Payment, if any, with respect to a Cash-Based Award or an Other Stock-Based Award shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Award, in cash or Shares as the Committee determines. The Company may pay earned Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards in the form of cash or in Shares (or in a combination thereof) equal to the value of the earned Award at the close of the applicable Performance Period, if any, but no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the third (3rd) month after the year in which the

Performance Period ended, the award vests (unless a valid deferral election has been made), or the payment was otherwise scheduled to be made.

#### Article 12. Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards

12.1 Establishment of Annual Incentive Awards. The Committee may designate Covered Employees who are eligible to receive a monetary payment in any Plan Year based on achievement of performance goals established for the year using the Performance Measures set out in Article 14 (Performance Measures). Within the first ninety (90) days of the beginning of a Plan Year, the Committee shall establish the potential amounts that each Covered Employee could earn based on performance for the year under one or more Performance Measures, select the Performance Measure(s) to be used, and establish the goals for each Performance Measure selected.

12.2 Determination of Covered Employees' Portions. As soon as possible after the end of a Plan Year, the Committee shall assess the performance achieved under each Performance Measure used for that Plan Year, and determine the payout to each Covered Employee based upon Company and individual performance for the Plan Year.

#### Article 13. Nonemployee Director Awards

Nonemployee Directors may only be granted Awards under the Plan in accordance with this Article 13 (Nonemployee Director Awards) and which shall not be subject to management's discretion. From time to time, the Board shall set the amount(s) and type(s) of equity awards that shall be granted to all Nonemployee Directors on a periodic, nondiscriminatory basis pursuant to the Plan, as well as any additional amount(s), if any, to be awarded, also on a periodic, nondiscriminatory basis, based on each of the following: the number of committees of the Board on which a Nonemployee Director serves, service of a Nonemployee Director as the chair of a committee of the Board, service of a Nonemployee Director as Chairman of the Board, or the first selection or appointment of an individual to the Board as a Nonemployee Director. Subject to the limits set forth in Section 4.1(d) (Number of Shares Available for Awards/Limit on Nonemployee Director Awards) the foregoing, the Board shall grant such Awards to Nonemployee Directors and any Nonemployee Chairman of the Board, and grant New Nonemployee Director Awards, as it shall from time to time determine.

If a Nonemployee Director subsequently becomes an Employee while remaining a member of the Board, any Award held by such individual at the time of such commencement of employment will not be affected thereby.

Nonemployee Directors, pursuant to this Article 13 (Nonemployee Director Awards), may be awarded, or may be permitted to elect to receive, pursuant to the procedures established by the Board or a committee of the Board, all or any portion of their annual retainer, meeting fees, or other fees in Shares, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Deferred Stock Units, or other Awards as contemplated by this Plan in lieu of cash.

#### Article 14. Performance Measures

14.1 In General. The performance goals upon which the payment or vesting of an Award to a Covered Employee (other than a Covered Employee Annual Incentive Award awarded or credited pursuant to Article 12 (Covered Employee Annual Incentive Awards)) that is intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation shall be limited to the following Performance Measures:

- (a) Net earnings or net income (before or after taxes);
- (b) Operating earnings or income;

(c) Earnings or diluted earnings per share;

(d) Net sales or revenue growth;

(e) Net operating profit;



- (f) Return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, net assets, capital, investment, invested capital, equity, shareholders' equity sales, or revenue);
- (g) Cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity, cash flow return on capital, and cash flow return on investment);
  - (h) Earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization;
- (i) Gross or operating margins;
- (j) Productivity ratios;
- (k) Share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return);
- (l) Expense targets;
- (m) Debt reduction;
- (n) Cost reduction or savings;
- (o) Margins;
- (p) Operating efficiency;
- (q) Market share;
- (r) Customer and/or employee satisfaction;
- (s) Safety;
- (t) Working capital targets and change in working capital; and
- (u) Economic value added or EVA<sup>®</sup> (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital).

Any Performance Measure(s) may be used to measure the performance of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate as a whole or any business unit of the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate or any combination thereof, as the Committee may deem appropriate, or any of the above Performance Measures as compared to the performance of a group of comparator companies, or published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, or the Company may select Performance Measure (j) above as compared to various stock market indices. The Committee also has the authority to provide for accelerated vesting of any Award based on the achievement of performance goals pursuant to the Performance Measures specified in this Article 14 (Performance Measures).

14.2 Evaluation of Performance. The Committee may provide in any such Award that any evaluation of performance may include or exclude any of the following events that occurs during a Performance Period: (a) asset write-downs, (b) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (c) the effect of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or provisions affecting reported results, (d) any reorganization and restructuring programs, (e) unusual and infrequently occurring items as described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification No. 225-20 (or any successor standard thereto) and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in the Company's annual report to shareholders for the applicable year, (f) acquisitions or divestitures, and (g) foreign exchange gains and losses. To the extent such inclusions or exclusions affect Awards to Covered Employees, they shall be prescribed in a form that meets the requirements of Code Section 162(m) for deductibility.

14.3 Adjustment of Performance-Based Compensation. Awards that are intended to qualify as Performance-Based Compensation may not be adjusted upward. The Committee shall retain the discretion to adjust such Awards downward, either on a formula or discretionary basis or any combination, as the Committee determines.

14.4 Committee Discretion. In the event that applicable tax and/or securities laws change to permit Committee discretion to alter the governing Performance Measures without obtaining shareholder approval of such changes, the Committee shall have sole discretion to make such changes without obtaining shareholder approval. In addition, in the event that the Committee determines that it is advisable to grant Awards that shall not qualify as Performance-Based Compensation, the Committee may make such grants without satisfying the requirements of Code Section 162(m) and base vesting on Performance Measures other than those set forth in Section 14.1 (In General).

#### Article 15. Transferability of Awards

15.1 In General. Except as provided in Section 15.2 (Committee Action) below, during a Participant's lifetime, his or her Awards shall be exercisable only by the Participant. Awards shall not be transferable other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; no Awards shall be subject, in whole or in part, to attachment, execution, or levy of any kind; and any purported transfer in violation hereof shall be null and void.

15.2 Committee Action. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine that notwithstanding Section 15.1 (In General), any or all Awards (other than ISOs) shall be transferable to and exercisable by such transferees, and subject to such terms and conditions, as the Committee may deem appropriate; provided, however, no Award may be transferred for value (as defined in the General Instructions to Form S-8).

#### Article 16. Impact of Termination of Employment/Service on Awards

16.1 In General. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement, upon the termination of a Participant's employment with the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary or service as a Nonemployee Director or to the Company, Affiliate and/or Subsidiary, for any reason whatsoever, except as otherwise set forth in this Article 16 (Impact of Termination of Employment/Service on Awards), in an Award Agreement or, with the consent of such individual, as determined by the Committee at any time prior to or after such termination, Awards granted to such Participant will be treated as follows:

- (a) Any Options and SARs will (i) to the extent not vested and exercisable as of the date of such termination of employment or of service as a Nonemployee Director or to the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary, terminate on the date of such termination, and (ii) to the extent vested and exercisable as of the date of such termination of employment or of service as a Nonemployee Director or to the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary, remain exercisable for a period of thirty (30) days following the later of the date of such termination or the date of any period of non-trading, or, in the event of the Participant's death during such thirty (30) day period, remain

exercisable by the estate of the deceased Participant until the end of the period of one (1) year following the date of such termination (but in no event beyond the maximum term of such Award).

- (b) Any unvested portion of any Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, or Deferred Stock Units will be immediately forfeited.

- (c) Any Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, or Performance Units will be immediately forfeited and terminate.
- (d) Any other Awards, including, but not limited to, Cash-Based Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards, to the extent not vested will be immediately forfeited and terminate.

16.2 Upon Death or Disability. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment is terminated with the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary or Participant's service on the Board or to the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary is terminated as a result of the Participant's death or Disability, Awards granted to such Participant will be treated as follows:

- (a) Any Options and SARs shall become immediately exercisable as of the date of such termination of employment or service, and the Participant, or in the event the Participant is incapacitated and unable to exercise the rights granted hereunder, the Participant's legal guardian or legal representative, or in the event the Participant dies, the estate of the Participant, shall have the right to exercise any rights the Participant would otherwise have had under the Plan for a period of one (1) year after the date of such termination (but in no event beyond the maximum term of the Award).
- (b) Any unvested portion of any Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, or Deferred Stock Units will become immediately vested.

Any Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, or Performance Units will remain outstanding and the Participant or the Participant's estate will be entitled to the payment of the Award earned (based on the actual performance achieved during the applicable Performance Period), which will be paid on the date the Award would have been paid if the Participant had remained employed with or continued to provide service to the Company, Affiliate, or Subsidiary.

16.3 Upon Retirement. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment with the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary or service on the Board is terminated by reason of the Participant's Retirement, Awards granted to such Participant will be treated as follows:

- (a) With respect to any Options and SARs, the Options or SARs shall remain outstanding and (i) to the extent not then fully vested, will continue to vest in accordance with the applicable vesting schedule, and (ii) the Participant shall have the right to exercise any rights the Participant would otherwise have had under the Plan until the sooner to occur of (a) the expiration of the term of the Option or SAR or (b) the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the date of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event a Participant does not exercise an Incentive Stock Option prior to the expiration of the three (3) month period after the date of the Participant's Retirement, such Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option upon exercise.
- (b) Any unvested portion of any Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, or Deferred Stock Units will become immediately vested.

Any Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, or Performance Units will remain outstanding and the Participant will be entitled to the payment of the Award earned (based on the actual performance achieved during the applicable Performance Period), which will be paid on the date the Award would have been paid if the Participant had remained employed with or continued to provide service to the Company, Affiliate, or Subsidiary.

16.4 For Cause. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment with the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary or service on the Board is terminated for Cause, Awards granted to

such Participant will be treated as follows:

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- (a) Any Options and SARs, whether vested or unvested, will be immediately forfeited and terminate.
- (b) Any unvested portion of any Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, or Deferred Stock Units will be immediately forfeited and terminate.
- (c) Any Performance Shares, Performance Share Units, or Performance Units will be immediately forfeited and terminate.
- (d) Any other Awards to the extent not vested will be immediately forfeited and terminate.

16.5 Upon Termination of Employment in Connection With a Change in Control. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, upon a termination in connection with a Change in Control, Awards granted to a Participant will be treated as set forth in Article 21 (Change in Control).

16.6 Bona Fide Leave. Notwithstanding the fact that a Participant's employment ostensibly terminates and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, if the Participant is on a bona fide leave of absence, as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(h)(1), then the Participant will be treated as having a continuing employment relationship (and not as having terminated employment for purposes of this Plan) so long as the period of the leave does not exceed six (6) months, or if longer, so long as the Participant retains a right to reemployment with the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate under an applicable statute or by contract.

#### Article 17. Substitution Awards

Awards may be granted under the Plan from time to time in substitution for stock options and other awards held by employees or directors of other entities who are about to become Employees, whose employer is about to become an Affiliate as the result of a merger or consolidation of the Company with another corporation, or the acquisition by the Company of substantially all the assets of another corporation, or the acquisition by the Company of at least fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding stock of another corporation as the result of which such other corporation will become a Subsidiary. The terms and conditions of the substitute Awards so granted may vary from the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan to such extent as the Board at the time of grant may deem appropriate to conform, in whole or in part, to the provisions of the award in substitution for which they are granted. If Shares are issued under the Plan with respect to an Award granted under this Article such Shares will not count against the Share Authorization.

#### Article 18. Dividend Equivalent Rights

Any Participant selected by the Committee may be granted Dividend Equivalent Rights based on the dividends declared on Shares that are subject to any Award, to be credited as of dividend payment dates, during the period between the date the Award is granted and the date the Award is exercised, vests, or expires, as determined by the Committee. Such Dividend Equivalent Rights shall be converted to cash or additional Shares by such formula and at such time and subject to such limitations as may be determined by the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Award for which Dividend Equivalent Rights have been granted has its vesting or grant dependent upon the achievement of one or more Performance Measures, then the Dividend Equivalent Rights shall accrue and only be paid to the extent the Award becomes vested. Under no circumstances may Dividend Equivalent Rights be granted for any Option or SAR.

#### Article 19. Beneficiary Designation

Each Participant under this Plan may, from time to time, name any beneficiary or beneficiaries (who may be named contingently or successively) to whom any benefit under this Plan is to be paid in case of his death before he receives any or all of such benefit. Each such designation shall revoke all prior designations by the same Participant, shall be in a form prescribed by the Committee, and will be effective only when filed by the Participant in writing with the Company during the Participant's lifetime. In the absence of any such beneficiary designation, benefits remaining unpaid or rights remaining unexercised at the Participant's death shall be paid to or exercised by the Participant's executor, administrator, or legal representative.

Article 20. Rights of Participants

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20.1 Employment/Service. Nothing in this Plan or an Award Agreement shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries to terminate any Participant's employment or service on the Board or to the Company at any time or for any reason not prohibited by law, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue his employment or service as a Director or Third-Party Service Provider for any specified period of time.

Neither an Award nor any benefits arising under this Plan shall constitute an employment contract with the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries and, accordingly, subject to Articles 3 (Administration) and 22 (Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination), this Plan and the benefits hereunder may be terminated at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Committee without giving rise to any liability on the part of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries.

20.2 Participation. No individual shall have the right to be selected to receive an Award under this Plan, or, having been so selected, to be selected to receive a future Award.

20.3 Rights as a Shareholder. Except as otherwise provided herein, a Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the record holder of such Shares.

#### Article 21. Change in Control

Unless the Committee otherwise determines and sets forth in an Award Agreement, upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, Awards shall have their vesting and payment accelerated based on a "double trigger" which shall require the occurrence of a Change in Control coupled with the termination of the Participant's employment or service to the Company, Subsidiary, or Affiliate within two (2) years, or such other events as the Committee may decide, with the specific details of the treatment of Awards as determined by the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, and set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant.

#### Article 22. Amendment, Modification, Suspension, and Termination

22.1 In General. Subject to Sections 22.3 (Awards Previously Granted) and 22.5 (Repricing Prohibition), the Committee may, at any time and from time to time, alter, amend, modify, suspend, or terminate this Plan and/or any Award Agreement in whole or in part; provided, however, that no material amendment of this Plan shall be made without shareholder approval if shareholder approval is required by law, regulation, or stock exchange rule.

22.2 Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events. The Committee may make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (other than those described in Section 4.4 (Adjustments in Authorized Shares) hereof) affecting the Company or the financial statements of the Company or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent unintended dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under this Plan. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under this Plan.

22.3 Awards Previously Granted. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary (other than Section 22.4 (Amendment to Conform to Law)), no termination, amendment, suspension, or modification of this Plan or an Award Agreement shall adversely affect in any material way any Award previously granted under this Plan without the written consent of the Participant holding such Award.



22.4 Amendment to Conform to Law. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, the Board of Directors may amend the Plan or an Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of conforming the Plan or an Award Agreement to any present or future law relating to plans of this or similar nature (including, but not limited to, Code Section 409A), and to the administrative regulations and rulings promulgated thereunder. By accepting an Award under this Plan, a Participant agrees to any amendment made pursuant to this Section 22.4 (Amendment to Conform to Law) to any Award granted under the Plan without further consideration or action.

22.5 Repricing Prohibition. Except to the extent (a) approved in advance by holders of a majority of the Shares of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of Directors or (b) provided in Section 4.4 (Adjustments in Authorized Shares), the Committee shall not have the power or authority to reduce, whether through amendment or otherwise, the Option Price or the Grant Price of any outstanding Option or SAR or to grant any new Award, or make any cash payment, in substitution for or upon the cancellation of Options or SARs previously granted.

#### Article 23. Withholding

23.1 Tax Withholding. The Company shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount up to (and including) the maximum statutory amount to satisfy federal, state, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising as a result of this Plan, as the Company shall determine or permit in its sole discretion.

23.2 Share Withholding. With respect to withholding required upon the exercise of Options or SARs, upon the lapse of restrictions on Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units, or upon the achievement of performance goals related to Performance Shares, or any other taxable event arising as a result of an Award granted hereunder, Participants may elect, subject to the approval of the Committee, to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by having the Company withhold Shares having a Fair Market Value on the date the tax is to be determined to have a value of up to (and including) the maximum statutory total tax that could be imposed on the transaction, as the Company shall determine or permit in its sole discretion. All such elections shall be irrevocable, made in writing, and signed by the Participant, and shall be subject to any restrictions or limitations that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate.

#### Article 24. Successors

All obligations of the Company under this Plan with respect to Awards granted hereunder shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation, or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company.

#### Article 25. General Provisions

##### 25.1 Forfeiture Events.

The Committee may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments, and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award.

- (a) Such events may include, but shall not be limited to, termination of employment for Cause, termination of the Participant's provision of services to the Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary, violation of material Company, Affiliate, and/or Subsidiary policies, breach of noncompetition, confidentiality, or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant, or other conduct by the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries.

- (b) The Awards granted under this Plan and any cash payment or Shares delivered pursuant to such an Award are subject to forfeiture, recovery by the Company or other action pursuant to the applicable Award Agreement or any clawback or recoupment policy which the Company may adopt from time to time, including without limitation any such policy which the Company may be required to adopt under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and implementing rules and regulations thereunder, or as otherwise specified by law.

25.2 Legend. The certificates for Shares may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer of such Shares.

25.3 Gender and Number. Except where otherwise indicated by the context, any masculine term used herein also shall include the feminine, the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular.

25.4 Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this Plan shall be or become invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby. If, in the opinion of any court of competent jurisdiction, such covenants are not reasonable in any respect, such court shall have the right, power, and authority to excise or modify such provision or provisions of these covenants as to the court shall appear not reasonable and to enforce the remainder of these covenants as so amended.

25.5 Compliance with Legal and Exchange Requirements. The Plan, the granting and exercising of Awards thereunder, and any obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by any regulatory or governmental agency as may be required, and to any rules or regulations of any exchange on which the Shares are listed. The Company, in its discretion, may postpone the granting and exercising of Awards, the issuance or delivery of Shares under any Award, or any other action permitted under the Plan to permit the Company, with reasonable diligence, to complete such stock exchange listing or registration or qualification of such Shares or other required action under any federal or state law, rule, or regulation, and may require any Participant to make such representations and furnish such information as it may consider appropriate in connection with the issuance or delivery of Shares in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The Company shall not be obligated by virtue of any provision of the Plan to recognize the exercise of any Award or to otherwise sell or issue Shares in violation of any such laws, rules, or regulations, and any postponement of the exercise or settlement of any Award under this provision shall not extend the term of such Awards. Neither the Company nor its Directors or officers shall have any obligation or liability to a Participant with respect to any Award (or Shares issuable thereunder) that shall lapse because of such postponement.

25.6 No Limitation on Compensation. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company to establish other plans or to pay compensation to its employees, in cash or property, in a manner which is not expressly authorized under the Plan.

25.7 Deferrals. The Committee may postpone the exercising of Awards, the issuance or delivery of Shares under any Award or any action permitted under the Plan to prevent the Company or any Subsidiary from being denied a federal income tax deduction with respect to any Award other than an ISO, in accordance with Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(4)(ii). In such case, payment of such deferred amounts must be made as soon as reasonably practicable following the first date on which the Company, Subsidiary, and/or Affiliate anticipates or reasonably should anticipate that, if the payment were made on such date, the Company's, Affiliate's, and/or Subsidiary's deduction with respect to such payment would no longer be restricted due to the application of Code Section 162(m).

25.8 Investment Representations. The Committee may require any individual receiving Shares pursuant to an Award under this Plan to represent and warrant in writing that the individual is acquiring the Shares for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares.

25.9 Employees Based Outside of the United States. Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, in order to comply with the laws in other countries in which the Company, its Affiliates, and/or its Subsidiaries operate or have Employees, Directors, or Third-Party Service Providers, the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to:

- (a) Determine which Affiliates and Subsidiaries shall be covered by this Plan;
- (b) Determine which Employees, Directors, and/or Third-Party Service Providers outside the United States are eligible to participate in this Plan;
- (c) Modify the terms and conditions of any Award granted to Employees, Directors, and/or Third-Party Service Providers outside the United States to comply with applicable foreign laws;

(d) Establish subplans and modify exercise procedures and other terms and procedures, to the extent such actions may be necessary or advisable. Any subplans and modifications to Plan terms and procedures established under this Section 25.9 (Employees Based Outside of the United States) by the Committee shall be attached to this Plan document as appendices; and

- (e) Take any action, before or after an Award is made, that it deems advisable to obtain approval or comply with any necessary local government regulatory exemptions or approvals.

Notwithstanding the above, the Committee may not take any actions hereunder, and no Awards shall be granted, that would violate applicable law.

25.10 **Uncertificated Shares.** To the extent that this Plan provides for issuance of certificates to reflect the transfer of Shares, the transfer of such Shares may be accomplished on a noncertificated basis, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange.

25.11 **Unfunded Plan.** Participants shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in or to any investments that the Company, its Subsidiaries, and/or its Affiliates may make to aid it in meeting its obligations under this Plan. Nothing contained in this Plan, and no action taken pursuant to its provisions, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant, beneficiary, legal representative, or any other individual. To the extent that any individual acquires a right to receive payments from the Company, its Subsidiaries, and/or its Affiliates under this Plan, such right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate, as the case may be. All payments to be made hereunder shall be paid from the general funds of the Company, a Subsidiary, or an Affiliate, as the case may be, and no special or separate fund shall be established and no segregation of assets shall be made to assure payment of such amounts except as expressly set forth in this Plan.

25.12 **No Fractional Shares.** No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to this Plan or any Award. The Committee shall determine whether cash, Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

25.13 **No Impact on Benefits.** Except as may otherwise be specifically stated under any employee benefit plan, policy, or program, no amount payable in respect of any Award shall be treated as compensation for purposes of calculating a Participant's right under any such plan, policy, or program.

25.14 **Compliance with Code Section 409A.**

In General. The Plan is intended to be administered in a manner consistent with the requirements, where applicable, of Code Section 409A. Where reasonably possible and practicable, the Plan shall be administered in a manner to avoid the imposition on Participants of immediate tax recognition and additional taxes pursuant to such (a) Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Company nor the Committee shall have any liability to any person in the event such Section 409A applies to any such Award in a manner that results in adverse tax consequences for the Participant or any of his beneficiaries or transferees.

Elective Deferrals. No elective deferrals or re-deferrals of compensation (as defined under Code Section 409A (b) and/or guidance thereto) other than in regard to Deferred Stock Units and/or Restricted Stock Units are permitted under this Plan. Instead, any such elective deferrals of compensation shall only be permitted pursuant to the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan, as may be in effect from time to time.

(c) **Applicable Requirements.** To the extent any of the Awards granted under this Plan are deemed "deferred compensation" and hence subject to Code Section 409A, the following rules shall apply to such Awards:

(i) **Mandatory Deferrals.** If the Company decides that the payment of compensation under this Plan shall be deferred within the meaning of Code Section 409A, then, except as provided pursuant to Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(4)(ii), at grant of the Award to which such compensation payment relates, the Company shall specify the date(s) at which such compensation will be paid in the Award Agreement.



- Initial Deferral Elections. For Awards of Deferred Stock Units and Restricted Stock Units where the Participant is given the opportunity to elect the timing and form of the payment of the underlying Shares at some future time once any requirements have been satisfied, the Participant must make his or her
- (ii) initial deferral election for such Award in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 409A, i.e., within thirty (30) days of first becoming eligible to receive such award or prior to the start of the year in which the Award is granted to the Participant, in each case pursuant to the requirements of Code Section 409A and Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-2.

- Subsequent Deferral Elections. To the extent the Company or Committee decides to permit compensation subject to Code Section 409A to be re-deferred pursuant to Treas. Reg. 1.409A-2(b), then the following conditions must be met: (A) such election will not take effect until at least twelve (12) months after the date on which it is made;
- (iii) (B) in the case of an election not related to a payment on account of Disability, death, or an unforeseeable emergency, the payment with respect to which such election is made must be deferred for a period of not less than five (5) years from the date such payment would otherwise have been paid; and (C) any election related to a payment at a specified time or pursuant to a fixed schedule (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-3(a)(4)) must be made not less than twelve (12) months before the date the payment is scheduled to be paid.

- Timing of Payments. Payment(s) of compensation that is subject to Code Section 409A shall only be made upon an event or at a time set forth in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-3, i.e., the Participant's separation from service, the
- (iv) Participant's becoming disabled, the Participant's death, at a time or a fixed schedule specified in the Plan or an Award Agreement, a change in the ownership or effective control of the corporation, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the corporation, or the occurrence of an unforeseeable emergency.

- Certain Delayed Payments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent an amount was intended to be paid such
- (v) that it would have qualified as a short-term deferral under Code Section 409A and the applicable regulations, then such payment is or could be delayed if the requirements of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(4)(ii) are met.

- Acceleration of Payment. Any payment made under this Plan to which Code Section 409A applies may not be accelerated, except in accordance with Treas. Reg. 1.409A-3(j)(4), i.e., upon a Participant's separation from
- (vi) service, the Participant becomes disabled, the Participant's death, a change of ownership or effective control, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets, or upon an unforeseeable emergency (all as detailed in Treas. Reg. 1.409A-3(a)).

- Determining "Controlled Group." In order to determine for purposes of Code Section 409A whether a Participant or Eligible Individual is employed by a member of the Company's controlled group of corporations under Code
- (d) Section 414(b) (or by a member of a group of trades or businesses under common control with the Company under Code Section 414(c)) and, therefore, whether the Shares that are or have been purchased by or awarded under this Plan to the Participant are shares of "service recipient" stock within the meaning of Code Section 409A:

- In applying Code Section 1563(a)(1), (2), and (3) for purposes of determining the Company's controlled group
- (i) under Code Section 414(b), the language "at least 50 percent" is to be used instead of "at least 80 percent" each place it appears in Code Section 1563(a)(1), (2), and (3);



In applying Treasury Regulation Section 1.414(c)-2 for purposes of determining trades or businesses under (ii) common control with the Corporation for purposes of Code Section 414(c), the language “at least 50 percent” is to be used instead of “at least 80 percent” each place it appears in Treasury Regulation Section 1.414(c)-2; and

Notwithstanding the above, to the extent that the Company finds that legitimate business criteria exist within the (iii) meaning of Treas. Reg. 1.409A-1(b)(5)(E)(1), then the language “at least 50 percent” in clause (i) and (ii) above shall instead be “at least 20 percent.”

25.15 Non-exclusivity of This Plan. The adoption of this Plan shall not be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board or Committee to adopt such other compensation arrangements as it may deem desirable for any Participant.

25.16 No Constraint on Corporate Action. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to: (a) limit, impair, or otherwise affect the Company’s or a Subsidiary’s or an Affiliate’s right or power to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure, or to merge or consolidate, or dissolve, liquidate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets; or (b) limit the right or power of the Company or a Subsidiary or an Affiliate to take any action which such entity deems to be necessary or appropriate.

25.17 Headings and Captions. The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only, shall not be considered part of this Plan, and shall not be employed in the construction of this Plan.

25.18 Governing Law. The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction. Unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement, recipients of an Award under this Plan are deemed to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the federal or state courts of New York to resolve any and all issues that may arise out of or relate to this Plan or any related Award Agreement.

25.19 Delivery and Execution of Electronic Documents. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Company may (a) deliver by email or other electronic means (including posting on a web site maintained by the Company or by a third party under contract with the Company) all documents relating to the Plan or any Award thereunder (including without limitation, prospectuses required by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) and all other documents that the Company is required to deliver to its security holders (including without limitation, annual reports and proxy statements), and (b) permit Participants to electronically execute applicable Plan documents (including, but not limited to, Award Agreements) in a manner prescribed by the Committee.

25.20 No Representations or Warranties Regarding Tax Affect. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Company, its Affiliates and Subsidiaries, the Board, and the Committee neither represent nor warrant the tax treatment under any federal, state, local, or foreign laws and regulations thereunder (individually and collectively referred to as the “Tax Laws”) of any Award granted or any amounts paid to any Participant under the Plan including, but not limited to, when and to what extent such Awards or amounts may be subject to tax, penalties, and interest under the Tax Laws.

25.21 Indemnification. Subject to requirements of New York law, each individual who is or shall have been a member of the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, or an officer of the Company to whom authority was delegated in accordance with Article 3(Administration) shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from any loss, cost, liability, or expense that may be imposed upon or reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which

he or she may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to act under this Plan and against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in settlement thereof, with the Company's approval, or paid by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her, provided he or she shall give the Company an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his/her own behalf, unless such loss, cost, liability, or expense is a result of his/her own willful misconduct or except as expressly provided by statute.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such individuals may be entitled under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Company may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless.

OTHER INFORMATION

WE WILL PROVIDE WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH PERSON WHOSE PROXY IS SOLICITED, ON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF SUCH PERSON, A COPY OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016, FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE SCHEDULES THERETO. Such written request should be directed to Columbus McKinnon Corporation, 205 Crosspoint Parkway, Getzville, New York 14068, Attention: Secretary. Each such request must set forth a good faith representation that, as of June 1, 2016, the person making the request was a beneficial owner of securities entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The accompanying Notice and this Proxy Statement are sent by order of our Board of Directors.

ALAN S. KORMAN

Secretary

Dated: June 10, 2016

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PROXY  
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION

PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD JULY 18, 2016

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints TIMOTHY T. TEVENS and GREGORY P. RUSTOWICZ and each or any of them, attorneys and proxies, with full power of substitution, to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION (the "Company") to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., local time, and any adjournment(s) thereof revoking all previous proxies, with all powers the undersigned would possess if present, to act upon the following matters and upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)

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