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Certain statements contained in this proxy statement may be deemed "Forward-Looking Statements" within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws. All statements in this proxy statement other than statements of historical fact are Forward-Looking Statements that are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are difficult to predict or outside of the Company's control, which could cause actual results and performance of the Company to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied or projected by, such statements. Any such Forward-Looking Statements are not guarantees of future performance. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "may," "could," and similar expressions identify Forward-Looking Statements. Any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and are generally outside the Company's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied of projected by, such forward-looking statements. Forward-Looking Statements contained herein, and the associated risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors include, but are not limited to, the following: the outlook of our chemical products and related markets; our ability to successfully leverage our existing business platform and portfolio of assets to produce low carbon products and execute our strategy to become a leader in the energy transition in the chemical industry; the development of the market and demand for low-carbon ammonia; the costs of compliance with environmental laws, health laws, security regulations and transportation regulations; the anticipated cost and timing of our capital projects; changes in domestic fertilizer production; and the outlook for the industrial and mining industries.

While we believe, the expectations reflected in such Forward-Looking Statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance such expectations will prove to have been correct. There are a variety of factors which could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those described in this proxy statement, including those identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 6, 2024 and in any subsequent fillings with the SEC. We caution investors, potential investors, and others not to place considerable reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this proxy statement. You are encouraged to read our filings with the SEC, available at www.sec.gov, for a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements in this proxy statement speak only as of the date of this proxy statement, and we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise our forward-looking statements, even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied in such statements will not be realized.

Information appearing on https://investors.lsbindustries.com/ is not part of and is not incorporated by reference in this proxy statement.

## LSB INDUSTRIES, INC. 3503 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held May 23, 2024

## **Solicitation of Proxies**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation on behalf of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of LSB Industries, Inc. (the "**Company**," "**us**," "**our**," or "**we**") for proxies to be voted at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "**Annual Meeting**") to be held on May 23, 2024, at 8:30 AM CDT in virtual-only meeting format via live video webcast and at any adjournment thereof.

The Notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and related proxy materials are being distributed or made available to stockholders beginning on or about April 12, 2024.

# Questions and Answers About the Annual Meeting

#### What matters are being considered?

You will be voting on each of the following items of business:

- (1) Election of the three nominees identified in this Proxy Statement to our Board;
- (2) Approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement;
- (3) Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2024; and
- (4) Advisory and non-binding vote on the compensation of our executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table included in this Proxy Statement as our named executive officers.

The Board recommends a vote "FOR" each of the director nominees in Proposal No. 1 and a vote "FOR" each of Proposal Nos. 2, 3, and 4.

#### What is a proxy?

A proxy is your legal appointment of another person to vote the shares that you own in accordance with your instructions. The person you appoint to vote your shares is also called a proxy. On the enclosed proxy card, you will find the names of the persons designated by the Company to act as proxies to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. The designated proxies are required to vote your shares in the manner you instruct.

#### Will other matters be brought before the Annual Meeting?

The Board does not intend to bring any other matters before the Annual Meeting and does not expect any other items of business because the deadline for stockholder proposals and nominations has already passed. However, if any other matter is properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the accompanying proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named in the proxy with respect to any other matters that might be brought before the Annual Meeting. Those persons intend to vote that proxy in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

#### Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

You or your proxy may vote if you owned voting stock as of the close of business on **April 1, 2024**, which is the record date for determining who is eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

As of the close of business on the record date, we had the following number of shares of common stock and no voting preferred stock issued and outstanding which were eligible to be voted:

(a) 72,275,449 shares of common stock, with each share entitling its holder to one vote.

#### What constitutes a quorum?

In order to conduct the Annual Meeting, we must have a quorum. Holders of a majority of the total of all of the outstanding shares of common stock will constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.

#### What vote is required to approve the items under consideration?

- Directors are elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by the holders of shares
  present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. A majority of the
  votes cast means that the number of votes cast "for" a director must exceed the number of votes
  cast "against" that director in order for the director to be elected. Abstentions will not be counted
  as votes cast for or against the director and broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.
- The approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by holders of shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no direct effect on the outcome of this proposal.
- The ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm requires
  the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by the holders of shares present or represented by
  proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no
  direct effect on the outcome of this proposal.
- The advisory vote on executive compensation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by the holders of shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Because the proposal to approve the compensation paid to named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 is advisory, it will not be binding on us or the Board. However, our Compensation Committee intends to take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will have no direct effect on the results of those deliberations.

#### Are abstentions counted?

Abstentions occur when stockholders are present virtually or by proxy at the Annual Meeting but fail to vote or voluntarily withhold their vote for any of the matters upon which the stockholders are voting. If your proxy indicates an abstention from voting on the proposal, the shares represented will be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum, but they will not be voted on any matter at the Annual Meeting. If you abstain from voting, you have not cast a vote and the abstention will not be counted in determining the outcome of the proposals.

#### How do I cast my vote?

**Registered Holders.** If shares are registered in your name, you may vote those shares at the annual meeting or by proxy. If you decide to vote by proxy, you may do so in any one of the following ways.



**By Telephone**. After reading the proxy materials, you may call the toll-free number (866) 286 - 3181, using a touch-tone telephone. You will be prompted to enter your Control Number, which you can find on your Notice of Internet Voting or proxy card. This number will identify you and the Company. You can then follow the simple instructions that will be given to you to record your vote.



Via the Internet. After reading the proxy materials, you may use a computer to access the website www.proxydocs.com/LXU. You will be prompted to enter your Control Number, which you can find on your Notice of Internet Voting Availability or your proxy card. This number will identify you and the Company. You can then follow the simple instructions that will be given to you to record your vote.



**By Mail**. After reading the proxy materials, you may vote your shares by marking, signing, dating and returning your proxy card in the envelope provided. To best ensure timely receipt of your proxy, you are encouraged to mail your proxy card for arrival by May 23, 2024.



**Virtually**. After reading the proxy materials, you may vote your shares by attending the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders via live video webcast. You can then follow the simple instructions that will be given to you to record your vote.

The Internet and telephone voting procedures have been set up for your convenience and have been designed to authenticate your identity, allow you to give voting instructions and confirm that those instructions have been recorded properly.

Whether you choose to vote by telephone, over the Internet or by mail, you can specify whether your shares should be voted for all, some or none of the director nominees. You can also specify whether you want to vote for or against, or abstain from voting on:

- The approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement;
- The ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors; and
- The advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

**Beneficial Owner.** If your stock is held in your brokerage account, also known as "street name," you should instruct your broker how your shares should be voted. If you fail to give your broker instructions, in some cases but not others the broker may submit a "broker non-vote," which is explained below.

If you are a beneficial owner whose shares are held of record directly in your name by a broker, you will receive instructions from the broker describing how to direct the voting of or vote your shares. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote your shares, it may vote your shares as it decides with respect to any matter for which it has discretionary authority under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

There are also non-discretionary matters for which your broker does not have discretionary authority to vote unless it receives timely instructions from you. A "broker non-vote" results when a broker does not have discretion to vote on a particular matter, you have not given timely instructions on how the broker should vote your shares and the broker indicates it does not have authority to vote such shares on its proxy. Although broker non-votes will be counted as present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining a quorum, they will be treated as shares not entitled to vote on the proposal. Under the current NYSE rules, we believe **Proposal No. 3** (ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm) is a routine matter. Accordingly, if your broker holds shares that you own in street name, the broker may vote your shares on **Proposal No. 3** even if the broker does not receive instructions from you. **Proposal Nos. 1**, **2**, and **4** are considered to be "non-routine" under NYSE rules such that your

broker, bank or other agent may not vote your shares on those proposals in the absence of your voting instructions.

If your shares are held in street name and you do not give voting instructions, the broker will only be entitled to vote your shares in its discretion with respect to the proposed ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm. Without voting instructions from you, the record holder will not be permitted to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors, the approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement or the advisory vote on executive compensation. Your shares would therefore be considered broker non-votes with respect to these proposals and would have no effect on the proposal. Accordingly, it is important for you to instruct your broker how you wish to vote your shares.

#### Can I change my mind after I vote?

Yes, you may change your mind at any time before the polls close at the Annual Meeting, which will be at 8:30 AM CDT on May 23, 2024. If you hold your shares directly in record name, you can change your vote by:

- Submitting a revised proxy using the previously mentioned telephone or Internet voting systems by the deadlines described for each such method above; or
- Sending a written revocation by mail to our Corporate Secretary, LSB Industries, Inc., 3503 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116.

In the absence of a revocation, shares represented by the proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting. Your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy. If you do not hold your shares directly, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker, bank or nominee to revoke your previously voted proxy.

## What if I sign and return my proxy card but I do not include voting instructions?

If you properly complete and submit a proxy card, but do not indicate any contrary voting instructions, your shares will be voted as follows:

- "FOR" the election of the three nominees to our Board;
- "FOR" the approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement;
- "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2024; and
- "FOR" the advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation.

If any other business comes before the stockholders for a vote at the Annual Meeting, your shares will be voted in accordance with the discretion of the holders of the proxy. The Board knows of no matters, other than those previously stated, to be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

#### What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

It means that you have multiple accounts with brokers and/or our transfer agent. Please vote all of these shares. We recommend that you contact your broker and/or our transfer agent to consolidate as many accounts as possible under the same name and address. Our transfer agent is Computershare Trust Company, N.A., 462 South 4th Street, Suite 1600, Louisville, KY 77845, (800) 736-3001 (U.S. and Canada) and (781) 575-3100 (outside U.S. and Canada).

#### Will my shares be voted if I do not provide my proxy?

If your shares are registered in your name, they will not be voted unless you submit your proxy or vote at the Annual Meeting. As discussed above, if your shares are held in street name and you do not give voting instructions, the broker will only be entitled to vote your shares in its discretion with respect to the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm.

#### Who will count the votes?

All votes will be tabulated by Mediant Communications, Inc., who will serve as the inspector of election for the Annual Meeting.

# What is the deadline for submission of stockholder proposals for the 2025 Annual Meeting?

If you wish to submit proposals to be included in our proxy statement for our 2025 Annual Meeting, proposals must be received at our principal executive offices in writing not later than December 13, 2024 and should be addressed to our Corporate Secretary, LSB Industries, Inc., 3503 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116.

If you wish to present a proposal, but you fail to notify us by such deadline, you will not be entitled to present the proposal at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

For more information regarding stockholder proposals, please see "Stockholder Proposals" below.

## Who is soliciting proxies?

We will pay for preparing, printing and mailing this Proxy Statement. Proxies may be solicited on our behalf by our directors, officers or employees, without additional consideration, by telephone, electronic transmission and facsimile transmission. We will reimburse banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their out-of-pocket costs of sending the proxy materials to our beneficial stockholders.

#### Stockholder List

A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be open for examination by any stockholder for any purpose relevant to the Annual Meeting during ordinary business hours commencing 10 days before the Annual Meeting. The list will be maintained at our principal executive offices located at 3503 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116.

# **Core Values**

We seek to maximize the long-term value of the company for our shareholders, customers, employees, communities, suppliers, and the broader environment. Every decision we make is framed and guided by our core values. We seek ways to ensure the long-term sustainability of our business, including making a lasting positive impact on society and our environment. LSB and its employees are committed to upholding these values to drive our culture and frame how we conduct business and engage with our stakeholders.

#### **CORE VALUES PROTECT WHAT MAKE IT PRACTICE BE ONE MATTERS BETTER INTEGRITY** TEAM Keep safety as our · Think creatively about · Speak the truth. Remember that we are highest priority. improving processes a highly interdependent · Hold ourselves and and solutions to company. · Give our full attention others accountable to challenges. Work together to to the health & the highest standards protection of our • Strive every day to do do the right thing in all we say and do. something better than for our customers, colleagues, Build strong communities, and you did the day before. our suppliers, our relationships with co-BEHAVIORS environment. communities, and each · Ask questions, make workers, customers, other. suggestions, and • Train every team and suppliers by being Contribute your best member how to listen to other opinions transparent, reliable, performance to improve do their job safely. without accepting the and putting faith in each the odds of success for other to deliver. status quo. · Empower every team the whole team. member with the ability · Take actions that drive · Treat co-workers, Celebrate the to stop any work they us towards our goal of customers, suppliers, achievements and believe is unsafe. achieving a culture of and all stakeholders respect our differences, excellence. with respect and while embracing the consider all their uniqueness of each interests in every individual to make us a decision. stronger and more resourceful organization.

# **Company Vision**

Our vision is to be a leader in the energy transition in the chemical industry through the production of low and no carbon products that build, feed and power the world. We are implementing a multi-pronged approach to be a low-carbon leader:

Lever our existing business platform and portfolio of assets to produce low carbon products Utilize our significant manufacturing expertise and experience in ammonia/hydrogen plant operations

Optimize our strong liquidity position and free cash flow generation to grow the business

Create a network of partners/ partnerships that bring additional knowledge, expertise, and relationships

Executing on this multi-pronged approach, in 2023 we:

- Continued our partnership with Lapis Energy on our previously announced carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) project at our El Dorado, Arkansas facility. A Class VI well permit was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in February 2023, with significant additional work continuing throughout the remainder of the year.
- Announced collaborative efforts with INPEX, Air Liquide and Vopak Exolum Houston on the pre-FEED (Front-End Engineering Design) for the development of a large-scale, low-carbon ammonia production and export project on the Houston Ship Channel. LSB will lead the pre-FEED, FEED, and the engineering, procurement, and construction of the facility, once the final decision has been made to move the project forward. In addition, LSB will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the ammonia loop.
- Announced partnership with Amogy to develop low-carbon ammonia demand as a marine fuel. We are collaborating on the evaluation and development of a pilot program that combines LSB's low-carbon ammonia and Amogy's ammonia-to-power engine solution. Amogy plans to test a tugboat with engine retrofitted for ammonia as a fuel in mid-2024.

# Sustainability

LSB Industries promotes corporate sustainability by formulating and implementing business strategies and practices that aim to create value and have a positive impact on our world.

#### Sustainability Goals

We seek to maximize the long-term value of the company for our shareholders and other stakeholders including our, customers, employees, communities, suppliers, and the broader environment. In 2022, we created a Sustainability Roadmap and in early 2023, we announced our Sustainability Goals. We followed that up by releasing our inaugural Sustainability Report. These can be found at <a href="https://lsbindustries.com/sustainability/">https://lsbindustries.com/sustainability/</a>. In this report we provide transparency into our performance against our core values and the strategies and actions to make a lasting positive impact on the world around us.

# Code of Conduct

A high standard of ethical business conduct is the responsibility of each individual LSB employee, officer and director. Our good name and reputation in the marketplace, depends ultimately on the way we conduct our business and the way the public perceives that conduct. All employees are required to review the Code of Conduct on an annual basis and whenever updated. Employees are likewise required to review and comply with the company's Employee Handbook. These documents address important governance topics, including our insider trading policy and other compliance policies. In addition, in November 2023, we adopted an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, which applies worldwide to LSB and all its directors, officers, employees, contractors and agents.

Learn more at https://investors.lsbindustries.com/corporate-governance-highlights.

# **Proxy Voting Roadmap**

# The Annual Meeting

Below is a summary of certain information included in the Proxy Statement. Please review the entire Proxy Statement before you vote.

Time and Date: 8:30 AM, Central Daylight Time ("CDT"), on May 23, 2024

Virtual Meeting Only

Place: Registration is required at www.proxydocs.com/LXU

Record Date: April 1, 2024

## Matters For Stockholder Vote

Proposal	Board Recommendation	Page
(1)Election of three nominees to our Board of Directors	"FOR" each nominee	14
(2)Approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement	"FOR"	23
(3)Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2024_	"FOR"	28
(4)Advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation	"FOR"	29

The Annual Meeting will be held in virtual-only meeting format via live video webcast.

In order to virtually attend the Annual Meeting, you must register at www.proxydocs.com/LXU.

You may vote at the meeting if you were a holder of record of our common stock at the close of business on April 1, 2024. Please see page 6 for instructions on how to vote your shares.

# Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To Be Held May 23, 2024
LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.
Virtual Meeting Only
Please register at www.proxydocs.com/LXU

To the Stockholders of LSB Industries, Inc.

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of LSB Industries, Inc. (the "Company") will be held in a virtual only format. You will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Registration is required online at www.proxydocs.com/LXU. The purpose of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders is the consideration and voting:

- (1) To elect the three nominees identified in this Proxy Statement to the Board of Directors;
- (2) To approve the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement;
- (3) To ratify Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2024; and
- (4) To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the named executive officer compensation.

#### **BENEFITS OF A VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting will be held in a virtual-only meeting format, via live webcast that will provide stockholders with the ability to participate in the Annual Meeting, vote their shares and ask questions. We believe a virtual-only meeting format facilitates stockholder attendance and participation by enabling all stockholders to participate fully and equally, and without cost, using an Internet-connected device from any location around the world. In addition, the virtual-only meeting format increases our ability to engage with all stockholders, regardless of size, resources or physical location, and enables us to protect the health and safety of all attendees.

#### ATTENDANCE AT THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Only stockholders of record and beneficial owners of shares of our common stock as of the close of business on April 1, 2024, the record date, may attend and participate in the Annual Meeting, including voting and asking questions during the virtual Annual Meeting. You will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting physically in person.

In order to virtually attend the Annual Meeting, you must register at www.proxydocs.com/LXU. Upon completing your registration, you will receive further instructions via email, including a unique link that will allow you access to the Annual Meeting and to vote and submit questions during the Annual Meeting.

As part of the registration process, you must enter the control number located on your proxy card or voting instruction form. If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you will also need to provide the registered name on your account and the name of your broker, bank or other nominee as part of the registration process. On the day of the Annual Meeting, May 23, 2024, stockholders may begin to log in to the virtual-only Annual Meeting 15 minutes prior to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 AM CDT.

We will have technicians ready to assist you with any technical difficulties you may have accessing the Annual Meeting. If you encounter any difficulties accessing the virtual-only Annual Meeting platform, including any difficulties voting or submitting questions, you may call the technical support number that will be posted in your instructional email.

#### QUESTIONS AT THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Our virtual Annual Meeting will allow stockholders to submit questions before and during the Annual Meeting through the online portal. We will respond to appropriate questions submitted by stockholders within five days following the Annual Meeting.

We will review stockholder-submitted questions and all questions will be answered following the meeting, with the exception of any questions that are irrelevant to the purpose of the Annual Meeting or our business or that contain inappropriate or derogatory references which are not in good taste.

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

You are urged to vote your shares by promptly marking, signing, dating and returning the proxy card or, in the alternative, by voting your shares electronically either over the Internet or by touch tone telephone. Please see "Questions and Answers – How Do I Cast My Vote?" located on page 6 in this Proxy Statement for further information and instructions.

#### **HOW TO VOTE:**



#### **BY TELEPHONE**

Call the telephone number on your proxy card



#### **VIA THE INTERNET**

Visit the website listed on your proxy card



#### **BY MAIL**

Sign, date and return your proxy card in the enclosed envelope



#### **VIRTUAL**

Attend the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders via live video webcast

Instructions are also included on the proxy card.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma April , 2024

Michael J. Foster Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 23, 2024.

This Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and related proxy materials are being distributed or made available to stockholders beginning on or about April 12, 2024. This includes instructions on how to access these materials (including the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting, along with the LSB 2023 Annual Report) via the Internet at www.proxydocs.com/LXU.

# **Proposal 1**

# **Election of Directors**

## General

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide for the division of the Board into three classes, each class consisting as nearly as possible of one-third of the whole. The term of office of one class of directors expires each year; with each class of directors elected for a term of three years and until the stockholders elect their qualified successors.

Barry H. Golsen, Kanna Kitamura and Richard W. Roedel are the class of directors whose terms expire at the Annual Meeting. Our Board has nominated, and stockholders are being asked to reelect, Mr. Golsen, Ms. Kitamura and Mr. Roedel for three-year terms expiring at our 2027 Annual Meeting of stockholders. If elected, the nominees will each hold office until the conclusion of our 2027 Annual Meeting of stockholders and a successor is duly elected and qualified or until earlier death, resignation, or removal.

# Agreements as to Certain Directors and Committees

## **Board Representation and Standstill Agreement**

On December 4, 2015, the Company entered into the Board Representation and Standstill Agreement (the "Board Representation and Standstill Agreement"), by and among the Company, LSB Funding LLC ("LSB Funding"), Security Benefit Corporation ("Security Benefit"), Todd Boehly, Jack E. Golsen ("J. Golsen"), Steven J. Golsen ("S. Golsen"), Barry H. Golsen ("B. Golsen"), Linda Golsen Rappaport ("L. Rappaport"), Golsen Family LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company ("Family LLC"), SBL LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company ("SBL LLC"), and Golsen Petroleum Corp., an Oklahoma corporation ("GPC," and together with Messrs. J. Golsen, S. Golsen and B. Golsen, Ms. L. Rappaport, Family LLC, SBL LLC, each a "Golsen Holder" and, collectively, the "Golsen Holders"). On October 26, 2017, October 18, 2018, and September 27, 2021 the parties to the Board Representation and Standstill Agreement entered into amendments thereto, and on August 10, 2022, SBT Investors LLC ("SBT Investors") and each of the parties to the Board Representation and Standstill Agreement entered into a letter agreement that, among other things, transferred certain rights of LSB Funding to SBT Investors and further amended the Board Representation and Standstill Agreement (collectively, the "Amendments"). On November 14, 2023, the Company entered into a Joinder Agreement (the "Joinder Agreement") to the Board Representation and Standstill Agreement with TLB-LSB, LLC that transferred certain rights of SBT Investors to TLB-LSB, LLC. The Board Representation and Standstill Agreement, the Amendments and the Joinder Agreement are collectively the "Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement".

#### TLB-LSB, LLC Designees

Pursuant to the Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement and based upon the equity holdings of TLB-LSB, LLC and the size of the Company's Board, the Company has agreed to permit TLB-LSB, LLC to designate up to three nominees to the Board, at least one of which is required to satisfy NYSE standards of independence. Jonathan S. Bobb and Kanna Kitamura are the current TLB-LSB, LLC designees.

#### Golsen Designees

Under the Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement and based upon the Golsen Holders' equity holdings, the Golsen Holders, collectively, have the right to designate two directors. Messrs. Barry H. Golsen and Steven L. Packebush are the current Golsen designees.

#### **Other Governance Matters**

Our Bylaws provide that the Board may change the total number of directors on our Board from time to time provided that the minimum number of directors is 3 and the maximum is 14. Currently there are 9 directors.

As discussed under "Corporate Governance — Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee," our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the "Nominating Committee") reviews the composition of the Board as part of its assessment of the Board's performance, and effectiveness. The Nominating Committee values certain characteristics in all Board members, including personal and professional integrity, reputation, outstanding professional achievement, and sound business judgment. The Nominating Committee evaluates each individual director in the context of the Board as a whole with the goal of recommending an effective group with a diversity of experience and skills that exercises sound business judgment in the interest of our business and our stockholders. Consistent with their responsibilities, members of the Nominating Committee have interviewed and evaluated each of the current nominees for director and the Nominating Committee has determined that each is highly qualified to serve as a member of our Board.

The following sets forth certain information regarding the director nominees and other directors whose term will continue after the Annual Meeting.

# Nominees for the Class of Directors Whose Term Will Expire in 2027

## BARRY H. GOLSEN, J.D.



Age: 73 Director since: 1981

Committees: Audit Nominating and Corporate Governance **Barry H. Golsen, J.D.**, age 73, has been a director of the Company since 1981. His current term expires in 2024. Mr. Golsen is President of GOL Capital LLC. He served as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Company from 1993 until 2015. He also served as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer from January 2015 until September 2015 and as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer from 2004 to 2014.

Mr. Golsen joined LSB Industries in 1978 and spearheaded the growth of LSB's Climate Control Business with the development of innovative and climate-friendly products, a number of business startups, the acquisition of Climate Master, Inc. and its merger with LSB's CHP Corporation. Under his leadership, LSB's Climate Control Business attained substantial growth and leading U.S. market shares for its key products.

Mr. Golsen attended Cornell University College of Engineering prior to earning both his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1978. Mr. Golsen is a past Director of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and served on the Board of Directors of Equity Bank for Savings N.A. His professional affiliations have included the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Young Presidents Organization and World Presidents Organization. Mr. Golsen is a National Association of Corporate Directors ("NACD") Board Leadership Fellow, the Gold Standard Director Credential. NACD Fellowship is a comprehensive and continuous program of study that empowers directors with the latest insight, intelligence and boardroom practices.

Mr. Golsen's extensive experience and his in-depth of knowledge and understanding of the businesses in which we operate, and his demonstrated leadership skills within the Company, among other factors, led the Board to conclude that he should serve as a director. Mr. Golsen is a Golsen designee under the terms of the Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement (see page **14**).

#### KANNA KITAMURA

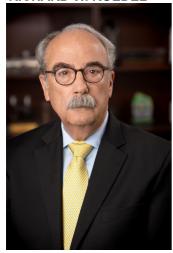


Age: 51 Director since: 2018

Committees: Compensation Nominating and Corporate Governance Kanna Kitamura, age 51, has been a director of the Company since December 2018. Her current term expires in 2024. Ms. Kitamura is a Principal and Chief Talent Officer at Eldridge. Prior to joining Eldridge, Ms. Kitamura was a Vice President and Head of Legal Operations for Guggenheim Investments. She was a member of Guggenheim Partners' Women's Innovation and Inclusion Network, Secretary of the Pro Bono Committee, and acted as a mentor in its Veterans Transition Assistance Program. Previously, Kanna was a VP of Business Development and Director of Operations for a management consulting firm and was employed by the United Nations Development Programme in the Division of Public Affairs. Born in Tokyo, Japan, Kanna was raised in New York, received a B.S. from Georgetown University, and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Ms. Kitamura's extensive financial industry leadership and legal experience, among other factors, led the Board to determine that she should serve as a director. Ms. Kitamura is a TLB-LSB designee under the terms of the Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement (see page **14**).

#### **RICHARD W. ROEDEL**



Director since: 2015

Committees:
Audit (Chair)
Compensation

Nominating and Corporate Governance (Chair)

Richard W. Roedel, age 74 has been a director of the Company since 2015. His current term expires in 2024. Mr. Roedel serves as the non-executive chairman of LSB. He also is the chairman of the LSB Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance committees and is a member of the Compensation and Talent Management Committee. Mr. Roedel also serves as a director of BrightView Holdings, Inc., Clarivate Plc and Luna Innovations Incorporated. Mr. Roedel is the Interim Executive Chairman and Interim President of Luna Innovations. He chairs the Audit Committees of BrightView and Clarivate and the Risk Committee of Clarivate.

Mr. Roedel served on the board of Six Flags Entertainment from 2010 until he retired from the board in 2021 and IHS Markit from 2005 until he retired in 2020. Mr. Roedel was non-executive chairman of Six Flags at his retirement in addition to chairman of their Nominating and Governance Committee and a member of its Audit Committee. At IHS Markit, Mr. Roedel served as chairman of the Risk Committee and member of its Audit Committee. Mr. Roedel served on the board of Lorillard, Inc. until 2015 when it was acquired by Reynolds American Inc. During his years on the board Mr. Roedel served as chairman of the Audit Committee, a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee and lead independent director. Mr. Roedel served on the board of Sealy Corporation in several capacities, including chairman of it Audit Committee, until 2013 when Sealy was acquired by Tempur-Pedic International Inc. Mr. Roedel served on the Board of Directors of BrightPoint, Inc in several capacities until 2012, when it was acquired by Ingram Micro Inc., including chairman of its Audit Committee, chairman of its Compensation Committee and member of its Nominating and Governance Committee. Mr. Roedel served on the Board of Directors of Broadview Holdings, Inc. and was chairman of its Audit Committee and a member of its Compensation Committees until 2012, following the approval of its financial restructuring plan by the United States Bankruptcy Court, which resulted in a change to its ownership structure. Mr. Roedel served on the Board of Directors of Dade Behring Holdings, Inc. and was chairman of its Audit Committee until 2007 when Dade was acquired by Siemens AG. Mr. Roedel served on the board of Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. until 2005, initially as chairman of its Audit and Governance Committees, later becoming chairman and chief executive officer. During his career, Mr. Roedel has been chairman of numerous audit, compensation, governance and special committees.

Mr. Roedel was previously a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Risk Oversight Advisory Council. Mr. Roedel was appointed to a three-year term, ending in 2017, on the Standing Advisory Group of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).

Until 2000 Mr. Roedel was employed by BDO Seidman LLP, having been managing partner of its Chicago and New York Metropolitan area offices and later chairman and CEO. Mr. Roedel is a graduate of The Ohio State University and a CPA. Mr. Roedel's extensive experience in finance, accounting, risk management, and public company governance led the Board to conclude that he should serve as a director.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE THREE NOMINEES AS DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

# **Continuing Directors**

The following six directors will continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and until their successors have been elected and gualified.

#### MARK T. BEHRMAN



Age: 61
Director since: 2018

Committees: None Mark T. Behrman, age 61, has served as President, CEO and board member of the Company since 2018. His term expires in 2025. Prior to that, Mr. Behrman served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer from June 2015 through December 2018. Mr. Behrman joined LSB in 2014 as Senior Vice President of Corporate Development. Prior to joining LSB, Mr. Behrman was Managing Director, Head of Investment Banking and Head of the Industrial and Energy Practices of Sterne Agee, Inc., from 2007 to 2014. Mr. Behrman has over 35 years of operational, financial, executive management, and investment banking experience.

Mr. Behrman is currently Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of PHX Minerals, Inc. and has served on that board since 2017. He is also a member of its Audit and Compensation Committees. Mr. Behrman has also been a Director of The Fertilizer Institute since 2019. Mr. Behrman previously has served on the board of directors of the following publicly held companies: Noble International Ltd., (a supplier to the automotive industry) from 1998 to 2007, where he also served as Audit Committee Chairman from 1998 to 2003; Oakmont Acquisition Corporation (a special purpose acquisition corporation), from 2005 to 2007 and; Robocom Systems International (a developer and marketer of advanced warehouse management software solutions), from 1998 to 2000.

Mr. Behrman holds an MBA in Finance from Hofstra University and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Minor in Finance from Binghamton University.

#### **JONATHAN S. BOBB**



Age: 48
Director since: 2015

Committees: Audit Compensation Jonathan S. Bobb, age 48, has been a director of the Company since 2015. His term expires in 2025. Mr. Bobb is a Senior Director on the investment team at Eldridge Industries. In this role, he is responsible for originating, executing and overseeing investments across a range of industries. Mr. Bobb previously served in a similar capacity at Guggenheim Partners. Prior to joining Guggenheim, Mr. Bobb was in the investment banking division at Goldman Sachs & Co. from 2007 to 2013. His previous business experience includes investment banking positions with J.P. Morgan and Deutsche Bank and financial planning roles at Gap Inc.

Mr. Bobb serves as a TLB-LSB Designee under the terms of the Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement. Mr. Bobb received a B.A. in Economics from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

#### STEVEN L. PACKEBUSH



Age: 59 Director since: 2020

Committees:
Audit
Nominating and
Corporate Governance

Steven L. Packebush, age 59, has been a director of the Company since 2020. His term expires in 2026. Mr. Packebush is a founder and partner in Elevar Partners, LLC, a company providing advisory and consulting services and capital solutions for companies in the agriculture and energy markets. Prior to Elevar Partners, Mr. Packebush worked at Koch Industries, Inc. for over 30 years, retiring in March 2018. Until his retirement, he was the president of Koch Ag & Energy Solutions ("Koch Ag"). Under Mr. Packebush's leadership, Koch Ag grew from a break-even business to one of the larger business units at Koch Industries and one of world's largest fertilizer companies. Koch Ag manufactured, marketed, distributed, and traded more than 14 million tons of fertilizer products annually. Key to this growth was acquiring and integrating five nitrogen fertilizer production plants in North America and equity interest in three nitrogen plants in Trinidad and Tobago. In addition, significant capital and resources were invested in the North American plants to improve the environmental, health and safety, efficiencies, and reliability of these facilities. Also, a \$1.3 billion plant expansion project located in Enid, Oklahoma was executed, and a global fertilizer supply, trading, and distribution business was developed with commercial office locations in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Mr. Packebush also oversaw the expansion of Koch Ag to include three additional start-up businesses: Koch Energy Services became one of the largest natural gas marketing companies in North America; Koch Methanol supplied methanol to global customers in the plywood, carpet, fuels, and plastics markets; and Koch Agronomic Services became one of world's largest enhanced-efficiency fertilizer producers and marketers. Prior to his time at Koch Ag, Mr. Packebush held various business development and commercial roles in Koch International, Koch Agriculture, and Koch Minerals. Mr. Packebush serves as a Golsen Designee under the terms of the Amended Board Representation and Standstill Agreement.

Mr. Packebush currently serves on the PHX Minerals, Inc. Board of Directors, Kansas State University Dean's Agriculture Advisory Board, and the Wichita Metropolitan YMCA and YMCA360 Board of Directors. Previously he served on the board of directors of Monolith Materials Inc., EuroChem Group AG, Caribbean Nitrogen, Nitrogen 2000, KOCHPAC, and The Fertilizer Institute. He has also served on The Fertilizer Institute's executive committee and Koch Industries' Compliance and Ethics Executive Committees. Mr. Packebush is a 1987 graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics.

#### **DIANA M. PENINGER**



Age: 59 Director since: 2020

Committees: Audit Compensation **Diana M. Peninger**, age 59, has been a director of the Company since 2020. Her term expires in 2026. Since 2021, Ms. Peninger, is the President and CEO of Reproductive Solutions, a medical device company located in Dallas, TX. She founded and serves as CEO of Geneva Lake Partners LLC since 2017 which is an advisory firm that works with middle market private industrial companies to help them develop strategic plans to accelerate their growth. She serves on the board of Rogers Group, Inc. since July 2017, chairs the compensation committee and is a member of the audit committee. She served four years as the Board Vice-Chair of the Committee of 200 which is a non-profit organization of the world's most successful women CEO's and senior business executives.

Ms. Peninger spent 30 years in the chemical industry including three expat assignments in Frankfurt, Germany. In 2018, she served as interim CEO for Synata Bio a renewable clean fuels and chemicals technology company owned by True North Venture Partners. From 2007 through 2016, she held various roles within Celanese Corporation including, Vice President, Acetyl Intermediates, EVA Performance Polymers and Vice President General Manager for Nutrinova Specialty Food Ingredients business. Prior to this, as Director of Corporate Strategy and Business Development, she lead the business development initiatives to establish manufacturing locations in low cost regions of China and Middle East. From 2005 to 2007 while at Chemtura Corp., Ms. Peninger served as Vice President, Consumer Products and Vice President, PVC Additives businesses. She started her career in 1987 with Celanese Corporation in Pampa, Texas as a plant operations engineer before taking on progressively more responsibility including Director of Global Glass Fibers business and leading the integration several large acquisitions resulting in a leading \$800M global industry emulsions position.

Ms. Peninger holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and was honored in 2017 with the prestigious "*Distinguished Alumni*" award for achievement of excellence in their careers and their communities. She is a National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Leadership Fellow, serves on the NACD North Texas Board and serves on the University Advisory Board for her alma mater.

#### **RICHARD S. SANDERS, JR**



Age: 67 Director since: 2014

Committees: Audit Nominating and Corporate Governance

Richard S. Sanders, Jr., age 67, has been a director of the Company since 2014. His term expires in 2025. Mr. Sanders served as our Interim Executive Vice President, Chemical Manufacturing from September 2015 until August 2016. Mr. Sanders has been a nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing consultant since January 2011 through Circle S. Consulting LLC, of which he is the sole owner. Previously, Mr. Sanders served as Vice President of Manufacturing of Terra Industries Inc. from 2003 until the acquisition of Terra Industries by CF Industries Holdings, Inc. in April 2010. On completion of the transaction, he worked on the integration of manufacturing operations, and as Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety, Engineering and Procurement. At Terra Industries Inc., Mr. Sanders was responsible for Terra's six manufacturing facilities' overall operations including production operations, environmental health and safety, project engineering, and technical services. He was also responsible for Terra's capital investment program of approximately \$250 million per year, including major expansion projects. Mr. Sanders was Plant Manager of Terra's Verdigris, Oklahoma nitrogen manufacturing complex for nine years prior to his role as Vice President of Manufacturing. Prior to Terra, Mr. Sanders served as Plant Manager at the Beaumont Methanol Corporation's 800,000 GPD methanol manufacturing facility and in management and engineering positions for Agrico Chemical Company. Mr. Sanders served as a Non-Executive Director of Open Joint Stock Company Mineral and Chemical Company EuroChem during 2013. Mr. Sanders received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1980.

#### LYNN F. WHITE



Age: 71
Director since: 2015
Committees:

Audit Compensation (Chair)

Lynn F. White, age 71, has been a director of the Company since 2015. His term expires in 2026. Mr. White founded and has served as the Managing Director of Twemlow Group LLC since 2013, and previously from 2008 until 2009. Twemlow Group LLC is a consulting firm that provides strategic, organizational and product development counsel to agriculturally related businesses. From January to June 2023, Mr. White served as interim President and CEO of Anuvia Plant Nutrients, Inc. where he had served as a director since February 2021 and previously from January 2016 to November 2019. From 2009 to 2013, Mr. White served as Vice President, Corporate Development of CF Industries Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CF). While at CF Industries, he was responsible for external growth initiatives, including M&A and organic efforts, new product development and strategy, and led the integration of the \$4.6 billion acquisition of Terra Industries, Inc. While at CF Industries he served as non-executive Chairman or Vice-Chairman of GrowHow UK Limited, the leading British nitrogen fertilizer producer and as a director of KEYTRADE AG, a major Swiss based fertilizer trading firm. Prior to that, he was the President of John Deere Agri Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Deere & Co. (NYSE:DE), where he was responsible for leading a new global business unit created to pursue growth opportunities in technologybased services for industries linked to agriculture. Mr. White was also Vice President of Global AgServices of Deere, where he was responsible for identifying, testing, and developing new services for agriculture and food. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President, Corporate Development of IMC Global Inc. (n/k/a The Mosaic Company), a producer of crop nutrients and salt, and served in various executive positions, including General Manager of the Food Ingredients Division, Director of the Flame Retardants & Fluids Business and Europe, Middle East, Africa Agricultural Chemicals Area Director of FMC Corporation (NYSE:FMC), a global producer of chemicals and machinery. Mr. White also served as Vice Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at California Polytechnic State University through 2023. Through 2021 he was president and director of the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association (SC), and until 2014 served as a Trustee of the Barrington Hills (IL) Police Pension Fund. Mr. White is also a former director and President of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association.

Mr. White holds a B.A. in History (Highest Honors) from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and an M.B.A. in Finance and Multinational Enterprise from the Wharton Graduate School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

# **Proposal 2**

# Approval of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement

We are asking our stockholders to approve and adopt the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of August 22, 2023 (the "Amended Rights Agreement"), which amended and restated the Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of July 6, 2020 (the "Original Rights Agreement"), by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a federally charted trust company, as rights agent. The Amended Rights Agreement provides that the Rights (as defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) will no longer be exercisable if the Company's stockholders do not approve the Amended Rights Agreement at the Annual Meeting. The Amended Rights Agreement is substantially similar to the Original Rights Agreement except that it extends the Final Expiration Date (as defined in the Original Rights Agreement) from July 6, 2023 to August 22, 2026. A summary of the Amended Rights Agreement appears below and is qualified by the full text of the Amended Rights Agreement attached as Appendix A - page 74 to this Proxy Statement.

## **Background**

Our Board believes that our net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs") have the potential to be a valuable asset. However, because the amount and timing of our future taxable income cannot be accurately predicted, we cannot reliably predict the amount of NOLs that will ultimately be used to reduce the Company's federal income tax liability. Although we are unable to quantify an exact value for the benefits that the NOLs may ultimately provide us with, we believe that the NOLs are a potentially valuable asset and the Board believes it is in the Company's best interests to attempt to protect this asset by preventing the imposition of limitations on their use. The benefits of the NOLs would be reduced, and our use of the NOLs would be substantially delayed or potentially lost, if we experience an "ownership change," as determined under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and applicable Treasury Regulations ("Section 382").

The purpose of the Amended Rights Agreement is to facilitate the Company's ability to preserve its NOLs and its other Tax Attributes (as such term is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) in order to be able to offset potential future income taxes for federal income tax purposes. The Company's ability to use its NOLs and other Tax Attributes would be substantially limited if it experiences an "ownership change," as such term is defined in Section 382. A company generally experiences an ownership change if the percentage of the value of its stock owned by certain "5-percent shareholders," as such term is defined in Section 382, increases by more than 50 percentage points over a rolling three-year period. The Amended Rights Agreement is intended to reduce the likelihood of an ownership change under Section 382 by deterring any Person (as such term is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) or group of affiliated or associated Persons from acquiring Beneficial Ownership (as defined below) of 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares (as defined below).

Pursuant to the terms of the Amended Rights Agreement, the Rights issued pursuant to the Amended Rights Agreement will expire if stockholder approval has not been received following the final adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Thus, the Board is submitting the Amended Rights Agreement for stockholder approval.

#### **Description of the Tax Benefits Preservation Plan**

In connection with entry into the Original Rights Agreement, the Board declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a "*Right*"), payable on July 16, 2020 for each outstanding share of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of the Company (the "*Common Shares*") outstanding on July 16, 2020 (the "*Record Date*") to the stockholders of record on that date. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock, no par value, of the

Company (the "Preferred Shares") at a price of \$10.00 per one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share represented by a Right (the "Purchase Price"), subject to adjustment.

## Distribution Date; Exercisability; Expiration

Initially, the Rights are attached to all Common Share certificates (or other evidence of book-entry or other uncertificated ownership) and no separate certificates evidencing the Rights ("Right Certificates") will be issued. Until the Distribution Date (as defined below), the Rights will be transferred with and only with the Common Shares. As long as the Rights are attached to the Common Shares, the Company will issue one Right with each new Common Share so that all such Common Shares will have Rights attached (subject to certain limited exceptions).

The Rights will separate and begin trading separately from the Common Shares, and Right Certificates will be caused to evidence the Rights, on the earlier to occur of (i) the Close of Business (as such term is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) on the tenth day following a public announcement, or the public disclosure of facts indicating, that a Person or group of affiliated or associated Persons has acquired Beneficial Ownership of 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares (an "Acquiring Person") (or, in the event that the Board of Directors determines to effect an exchange in accordance with Section 24 of the Amended Rights Agreement and the Board of Directors determines that a later date is advisable, then such later date) and (ii) the Close of Business on the tenth Business Day (as such term is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) (or such later date as may be determined by action of the Board of Directors prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person) following the commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in the Beneficial Ownership by a Person or group of 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares (the earlier of such dates, the "Distribution Date"). As soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, unless the Rights are recorded in book-entry or other uncertificated form, the Company will prepare and cause the Right Certificates to be sent to each record holder of Common Shares as of the Distribution Date.

An "Acquiring Person" will not include (i) the Company, (ii) any Subsidiary (as such term is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) of the Company, (iii) any employee benefit plan of the Company or of any Subsidiary of the Company, (iv) any entity holding Common Shares for or pursuant to the terms of any such employee benefit plan or (v) any Person who or which, together with all Affiliates and Associates (as such terms are defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) of such Person, as of August 22, 2023, is a Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding (a "Grandfathered Stockholder"). However, if a Grandfathered Stockholder becomes, after such time, the Beneficial Owner of any additional Common Shares (regardless of whether, thereafter or as a result thereof, there is an increase, decrease or no change in the percentage of Common Shares then outstanding Beneficially Owned (as such term is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) by such Grandfathered Stockholder) then such Grandfathered Stockholder shall be deemed to be an Acquiring Person unless, upon such acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares, such person is not the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding. In addition, upon the first decrease of a Grandfathered Stockholder's Beneficial Ownership below 4.9%, such Grandfathered Stockholder will no longer be deemed to be a Grandfathered Stockholder. In the event that after August 22, 2023, any agreement, arrangement or understanding pursuant to which any Grandfathered Stockholder is deemed to be the Beneficial Owner of Common Shares expires, is settled in whole or in part, terminates or no longer confers any benefit to or imposes any obligation on the Grandfathered Stockholder, any direct or indirect replacement, extension or substitution of such agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the same or different Common Shares that confers Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares shall be considered the acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares by the Grandfathered Stockholder and render such Grandfathered Stockholder an Acquiring Person for purposes of the Amended Rights Agreement unless, upon such acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares, such person is not the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding.

"Beneficial Ownership" is defined in the Amended Rights Agreement to include any securities (i) which a Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates (a) actually owns (directly or indirectly) or would be deemed to actually or constructively own for purposes of Section 382 of the Code or the Treasury Regulations (as such terms are defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) promulgated thereunder, including any coordinated acquisition of securities by any Persons who have a formal or informal understanding with respect to such acquisition (to the extent ownership of such securities would be attributed to such Persons under Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder), (b) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, within the meaning of Rules 13d-3 or 13d-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act or (c) has the right or ability to vote, or the right to acquire, pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding (except under limited circumstances), (ii) which are directly or indirectly Beneficially Owned by any other Person with which a Person has any agreement, arrangement or understanding for the purpose of acquiring, holding or voting such securities, or obtaining, changing or influencing control of the Company or (iii) which are the subject of, or reference securities for, or that underlie, certain derivative positions of any Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates; provided, that a Person shall not be deemed to be the Beneficial Owner of, or to Beneficially Own, (x) securities tendered pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made pursuant to, and in accordance with, the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act until such tendered securities are accepted for purchase or exchange or (y) any shares of the Company's Preferred Stock or Class C Preferred Stock (other than the Preferred Shares).

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire on the earliest to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the day following the certification of the voting results of the Annual Meeting, if at such Annual Meeting a proposal to approve the Amended Rights Agreement has not been passed by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting or any other meeting of stockholders of the Company duly held prior to such meeting, (ii) the date on which the Board of Directors determines in its sole discretion that (x) the Amended Rights Agreement is no longer necessary for the preservation of material valuable NOLs or Tax Attributes or (y) the NOLs and Tax Attributes have been fully utilized and may no longer be carried forward and (iii) the Close of Business on August 22, 2026 (the "Final Expiration Date").

## **Exempt Persons and Transactions**

The Board of Directors may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine that a Person is exempt from the Amended Rights Agreement (an "Exempt Person"), so long as such determination is made prior to such time as such Person becomes an Acquiring Person. Any Person will cease to be an Exempt Person if the Board of Directors makes a contrary determination with respect to such Person regardless of the reason therefor. In addition, the Board of Directors may, in its sole and absolute discretion, exempt any transaction from triggering the Amended Rights Agreement, so long as the determination in respect of such exemption is made prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person. Any Person, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, who proposes to acquire 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares may apply to the Board of Directors in advance for an exemption in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Amended Rights Agreement.

#### Flip-in Event

If a Person or group becomes an Acquiring Person at any time after the date of the Amended Rights Agreement (with certain limited exceptions), the Rights will become exercisable for Common Shares having a value equal to two times the exercise price of the Right. From and after the announcement that any Person has become an Acquiring Person, if the Rights evidenced by a Right Certificate are or were acquired or Beneficially Owned by an Acquiring Person or any Associate or Affiliate of an Acquiring Person, such Rights shall become void, and any holder of such Rights shall thereafter have no right to exercise such Rights. If the Board of Directors so elects, the Company may deliver upon payment of the exercise price of a Right an amount of cash, securities or other property equivalent in value to the Common Shares issuable upon exercise of a Right.

#### **Exchange**

At any time after any Person becomes an Acquiring Person, the Board of Directors may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by any Person which have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one Common Share per Right (subject to adjustment). The Company may issue, transfer or deposit such Common Shares (or other property as permitted under the Amended Rights Agreement) to or into a trust or other entity created upon such terms as the Board of Directors may determine and may direct that all holders of Rights receive such Common Shares or other property only from the trust or other entity. In the event that the Board of Directors determines, before the Distribution Date, to effect an exchange, the Board of Directors may delay the occurrence of the Distribution Date to such time as it deems advisable.

#### Flip-over Event

If, at any time after a Person becomes an Acquiring Person, (i) the Company consolidates with, or merges with, any other Person (or any Person consolidates with, or merges with, the Company) and, in connection with such consolidation or merger, all or part of the Common Shares are or will be changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other Person or cash or any other property or (ii) 50% or more of the Company's consolidated assets or Earning Power (as defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) is sold, then proper provision will be made so that each holder of a Right will thereafter have the right to receive, upon the exercise thereof at the then current exercise price of the Right, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which at the time of such transaction will have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

#### Redemption

At any time prior to the earlier to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date (as defined in the Amended Rights Agreement) (or, if the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date) and (ii) the Final Expiration Date, the Board of Directors may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.001 per Right (the "Redemption Price"). The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

#### **Amendment**

The terms of the Rights may be amended by the Board of Directors without the consent of the holders of the Rights, except that at any time after the Close of Business on the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date (or, if the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date), no such amendment may adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Rights (other than the Acquiring Person and its Affiliates and Associates).

#### **Preferred Stock Rights**

Each one-thousandth of a Preferred Share will entitle the holder thereof to the same dividends and liquidation rights as if the holder held one Common Share and will be treated the same as a Common Share in the event of a merger, consolidation or other share exchange.

#### **Rights of Holders**

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

The Board has determined that the Amended Rights Agreement is advisable and, in the Company's, and the stockholders' best interests because the entry into and maintenance of the Amended Rights Agreement:

discourages acquisitions of stock that could result in an "ownership change" for federal income tax purposes, as discussed below;

- encourages potential acquirers of Common Stock to negotiate with the Board before acquiring significant equity ownership positions in the Company;
- does not restrict a later sale of the Company on terms that the Board determines are in the best interest of the stockholders; and
- has no significant up-front financial, accounting or tax consequences to the Company or the stockholders.

Please also consider the items discussed below when voting on this **Proposal No. 2**.

The IRS could challenge the amount of the Company's NOLs or claim that the Company experienced an ownership change, which could reduce the amount of NOLs that the Company could use or eliminate the Company's ability to use NOLs altogether.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has not audited or otherwise validated the amount of the Company's NOLs. The IRS could challenge the amount of the Company's NOLs, which could limit the Company's ability to use NOLs to reduce future tax liabilities. In addition, the complex provisions of Sections 382 and the limited knowledge that any public company has about the ownership of its publicly traded stock can make it difficult for the Company and its advisors to determine whether an ownership change has occurred. Therefore, the Board cannot assure you that the IRS will not claim that the Company has experienced an ownership change and attempt to reduce or eliminate the benefits associated with the Company's NOLs - even if the Amended Rights Agreement is in place.

## Congress or the IRS could change Section 382 and/or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will affect the Company's ability to use NOLs generated in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, to offset the Company's income tax obligations. Other potential future legislation, or the modification or promulgation of treasury regulations by the IRS, could change the provisions of Section 382 and/or other applicable provisions of the Code and treasury regulations in a manner that would limit the Company's ability to utilize its NOLs. Therefore, the Board cannot assure you that tax laws and applicable treasury regulations will not change in a manner that could reduce or eliminate the benefits associated with the Company's NOLs - even if the Amended Rights Agreement is in place.

#### The Company still faces a continued risk of an ownership change.

Although the Amended Rights Agreement is intended to reduce the likelihood of an ownership change, the Amended Rights Agreement cannot prevent transfers of the Company's stock that could result in an ownership change. Accordingly, the Board cannot guarantee you that the Amended Rights Agreement will prevent or even reduce the risk of an ownership change.

## The Amended Rights Agreement could impact on the value of the Common Stock.

If investors object to holding the Common Stock subject to the terms of the Amended Rights Agreement, the Amended Rights Agreement could depress the value of the Common Stock by an amount that could more than offset any value preserved by protecting the Company's NOLs.

#### **Certain Considerations Related to the Amended Rights Agreement**

The Board believes that the Amended Rights Agreement may help preserve the Company's ability to use its NOLs to reduce future tax liabilities and that the Amended Rights Agreement is in the Company's and the stockholders' best interests. However, the possibility of an ownership change cannot be eliminated and the Board cannot guarantee that an ownership change will not occur - even if the Amended Rights Agreement is in place.

#### Potential Anti-Takeover Effects.

While intended to reduce the risk of an ownership change, the Amended Rights Agreement could have certain anti-takeover effects. The Rights will cause substantial dilution to any person or group that becomes an Acquiring Person. Accordingly, the Rights may render more difficult, or discourage, a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or assumption of control by a holder of the Common Stock or other Company securities. However, because the Board can unilaterally redeem the Amended Rights Agreement prior to any person become an Acquiring Person, the Amended Rights Agreement will not interfere with any merger, change in control or other business combination approved by the Board.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SECTION 382 RIGHTS AGREEMENT

# **Proposal 3**

Ratification of the Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2024

The Audit Committee has appointed the firm of Ernst & Young LLP ("E&Y") as its independent registered public accounting firm for 2024. We are asking our stockholders to ratify this appointment.

E&Y has served as our auditors for more than five years, including the fiscal year most recently completed. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of E&Y, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment and may or may not consider the appointment of another independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for 2024 or future years.

Consistent with past practices, it is expected that one or more representatives of E&Y will attend the Annual Meeting and will be available to respond to appropriate questions or make a statement should they desire to do so.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2024

# **Proposal 4**

# Advisory Vote to Approve Named Executive Officer Compensation

We are asking our stockholders to approve the following advisory resolution related to the compensation of the Company's named executive officers ("NEOs") commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal:

RESOLVED, that the stockholders approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the NEOs for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and the related narrative discussion in this Proxy Statement.

Our stockholders' opinions are important to us, and we hold this advisory vote annually in order to get a better understanding of their views on the compensation of our NEOs and its alignment with stockholder interests. The Board and the Compensation and Talent Management Committee, which is composed of independent directors, will review and take into account the outcome of this vote when considering future executive compensation decisions.

Stockholders are encouraged to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the accompanying compensation tables, and the narrative disclosure related to executive compensation disclosure in this Proxy Statement, which provide information about our compensation policies and the compensation of our NEOs. Stockholders should note that, because the advisory vote on executive compensation occurs well after the beginning of the compensation year, and because the different elements of our executive compensation program is designed to operate in an integrated manner and to complement one another, it may not be appropriate or feasible to change our executive compensation program in consideration of any one-year's advisory vote on executive compensation by the time of the following year's Annual Meeting of stockholders.

The Board intends to hold this vote annually, and the next advisory vote to approve NEO compensation will occur in 2025.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

# Corporate Governance

# **Corporate Governance Highlights**

The Board is committed to continually improving its corporate governance processes, practices and procedures. Our governance policies and structures are designed to promote the Board's thoughtful oversight of the Company's business decisions and ensure intelligent risk-taking, with the goal of furthering our long-term strategic goal of becoming a best-in-class chemical producer. Highlights include:

- A diverse Board with the appropriate mix of skills, experience and perspective. 22% of our directors are women and one of our directors is a member of a minority group;
- The appointment of a non-Executive Chairman of the Board;
- Eight of our nine directors are independent under NYSE listing standards, with Mr. Behrman, our President and CEO as the only non-independent director. While Mr. Behrman is not deemed independent, we believe his interests are aligned with the Company's as a result of his significant ownership interest in the Company;
- All Board committees are fully independent;
- Policy limiting the number of public company boards on which directors may serve;
- A portion of all executives' annual compensation is tied to the achievement of environmental and safety metrics, reflecting the importance of our employees and their safety to the Company;
- Minimum share ownership guidelines for Directors and requirements for Executive Officers;
- Anti-Hedging of Company Securities Policy;
- A global Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy; and
- Stockholder ratification of the selection of external audit firm.

# Corporate Responsibility

#### Overview

As a public company and as a member of the communities where we live and work, it is our obligation to maximize long-term value of the Company for all our stakeholders, including our employees, customers, stockholders, the communities where we operate and the environment. We do this by focusing on safety throughout the Company, on efficiently operating our business and on actively implementing efficient capital management strategies. As we work to achieve success in these endeavors, we are constantly mindful of our responsibility as an organization to be a good corporate citizen. In every facet of operating our company, our decisions are guided by our Core Values, which are intended to lead us toward minimizing any negative impacts our operations may have on the aspects of our society and environment that we come in contact with, while also diligently seeking ways to improve society and the environment.

We are committed to being a leader in the energy transition through the production of low and no carbon products that build, feed and power the world. LSB is dedicated to building a culture of excellence in customer experiences as we deliver essential products across the agricultural, industrial, and mining end markets and, in the future, the energy markets. Building culture is not simply a priority or an initiative. Our efforts to develop and grow our culture are continuous, never-ending and are delivering impactful outcomes throughout our organization.

#### **Risk Management and Strategy**

We recognize the importance of developing, implementing, and maintaining robust cybersecurity measures to maintain the security, confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our business systems and commercially sensitive or confidential information. Our business depends on the proper functioning and availability of our information technology platform, including communications and data processing systems. We are also

required to effect electronic transmissions with third parties including clients, vendors and others with whom we do business, and with our Board. We also recognize that, as we continue to increase our dependence on information technologies to conduct our operations the risks associated with cyber security also increase.

LSB utilizes an enterprise-wide risk management process to identify, assess and manage risks faced by our organization. The Company's Enterprise Risk Management Committee ("ERM Committee"), is designated with the responsibility to direct our risk management program and to execute our risk management strategy, including cyber and technology risk. The ERM Committee is the management-entity designated by the Chief Executive Officer with the responsibility to direct and execute our risk governance and strategy, including cyber risk. This ERM Committee is composed of the Company's Executive Vice Presidents and each of the Company's Senior Vice Presidents. Our Senior Vice President and Treasurer chairs the ERM Committee. To protect our information systems and operations from risks and to execute our cyber strategy, we use various security processes and technology tools that help identify, investigate, assess, prevent, and resolve potential vulnerabilities and security incidents in a timely manner. These include, but are not limited to, detection, monitoring and reporting tools. Our team uses widely adopted methods and models to identify, prioritize and manage cyber and technology risks and develop related information security controls and safeguards. In partnership with third party advisors and consultants, we conduct regular reviews and tests of our program and leverage audits, penetration and vulnerability testing, cyber risk tabletops and security awareness trainings, and other cyber exercises to evaluate the effectiveness of our program and improve our security measures. Our information security policies are designed to address current applicable legal requirements and to align with recognized frameworks for cyber risk management. These standards cover physical, administrative, and technical controls and address a wide range of current cyber threats. These policies and standards are reviewed and updated on a regular basis in order to respond to the constantly changing threat landscape.

## **Governance of Cybersecurity Matters**

Our Board of Directors considers cybersecurity to be a business risk and oversees enterprise-wide risks through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is designated by the Board with the responsibility for monitoring and reporting on management's cybersecurity and risk management processes. The Vice President for Information Technology ("IT") leads the information security program, manages cyber governance and incident management. The Vice President of IT and the Director of Infrastructure and Security have over forty-five years of combined information technology experience and over a decade of cybersecurity experience. The ERM Committee and Vice President for IT assess cyber risk and provide recommendations for management. The Chair of the ERM Committee and the Vice President for IT brief the Audit Committee regularly. These updates include an overview of cyber risk management activities, cyber threats, and key information security processes and mitigation efforts. The Chair of the Audit Committee provides regular reports to the Board of Directors on critical cyber risk and security topics presented to the Committee by management.

## **Incident Management**

We have implemented security procedures and measures in order to protect our information from being vulnerable to theft, loss, damage or interruption from a number of potential sources or events. LSB maintains and tests an incident response plan that outlines steps for the containment, investigation of, response to and recovery from cyber events. The plan also includes information pertaining to roles, responsibilities, and reporting process. This plan is a part of our formal, enterprise-wide crisis management process, which outlines a communication plan with executive leadership as well as guidelines for communication with the Board of Directors. Although we make efforts to maintain the security and integrity of our information systems and technology operations, these systems are subject to the cyber risk of incident or disruption, and there can be no assurance that our security safeguards, and those of our third-party providers, will prevent incidents to our or our third-party providers' systems that could adversely affect our business. For a discussion of these risks, see "Item 1A. Risk Factors—General Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023

## **Board Oversight of ESG**

Our Board is engaged in overseeing our business strategies and related risks and opportunities. This includes Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") topics. The Committees of the Board facilitate oversight of issues that impact many areas of our business, and the Board and various Committees continue to review the manner in which oversight of ESG topics is exercised. Committees report to the full Board on key issues. Examples of ESG oversight include:

- The Audit Committee has primary oversight over capital investment including alignment with our ESG objectives;
- The Compensation and Talent Management Committee has primary oversight over human capital management; and
- The Nominating Committee has primary oversight over the Company's practices and positions to advance our corporate citizenship, including environmental, sustainability and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

#### **Board Diversity**

We believe that having a mix of directors on the board who are from varied backgrounds and who bring a diverse range of perspectives and insights, foster enhanced decision-making, promote better corporate governance and build board capability.

Our belief is reflected in our Corporate Governance Guidelines, which recognizes that only highly qualified candidates with the right personal qualities (such as leadership skills, integrity, time and commitment), core business skills and industry experience will be considered as board members. While the qualifications of each individual director are paramount, diversity criteria relating to the director's age, tenure, geographic location, education, gender and ethnicity must also be given due consideration. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines include diversity criteria to formally acknowledge the Company's goal to include, women and minority candidates in its director search process. Our guidelines confirm our commitment to diversity and inclusion and the diversity criteria that are always considered. Of our current directors, two are women and one of our female directors is a member of a minority group. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are available for Review at www.lsbindustries.com/investors.

#### **Executive Diversity**

We believe that a diverse workplace culture drives enhanced decision-making and can influence employee attraction and retention, as well as customer satisfaction. Diversity in our business creates long-term value by aligning LSB's business perspectives with an increasingly diverse customer base, building the capability to operate in our markets and enabling the Company to recruit from a larger talent pool. Within our senior executive leadership team, as is the case within the Company as a whole, the level of representation from diverse groups is a criterion that we give due consideration when identifying candidates for senior leadership roles. We do not mandate specific diversity targets in hiring executive officers due to the small size of this group and the need to carefully consider a broad range of criteria. Of our current senior executive team, three are women, including one of our NEOs, and one of our executives is a member of a minority group.

# Meetings of the Board

Our Board held 6 meetings in 2023. Like many companies, we moved to a blend of in person and virtual meetings. We have found the virtual meeting format works well and we will continue to review the right mix of in-person and virtual meetings going forward. All directors attended 99% of the combined total of the meetings held by the Board and the meetings held by all committees of the Board on which each director served.

# **Board Leadership Structure**

Mr. Roedel has served as Chairman of the Board since 2018. The responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board generally include:

- · Chairing all meetings of the Board;
- Assisting the Board and management in providing leadership and developing overall corporate strategy;
- Building consensus in the development of the Company's overall strategic plan;
- · Serving as a liaison between management and the directors; and
- Overseeing the Board's stockholder communications policies.

The Board reviews the appointment of the Chairman on an annual basis.

## Committees of the Board of Directors and Committee Charters

The Board has three separately designated active standing committees: a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, an Audit Committee, and a Compensation and Talent Management Committee. The Board has adopted written charters for each of these committees. The Board has determined that all members of these committees are independent directors and satisfy the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and NYSE requirements for independence. A current copy of the charters of the aforementioned committees along with our corporate governance guidelines are available on our website at **www.lsbindustries.com** and are also available from the Company upon request to our Corporate Secretary. The following sets forth the current members of each committee and current Board class expiration year:

Name	Class	Age	Direct or Since	Audit	Nominating and Corporate Governance	Compensatio n
Mark T. Behrman	2025	61	2018			
Jonathan S. Bobb	2025	48	2015	Х		Х
Richard Sanders, Jr.	2025	67	2014	Χ	X	
Steven L. Packebush	2026	59	2020	Χ	X	
Diana M. Peninger	2026	59	2020	Χ		Χ
Lynn F. White	2026	71	2015	Χ		Chair
Barry H. Golsen	2024	73	1981	Χ	X	
Kanna Kitamura	2024	51	2018		Х	Х
Richard W. Roedel	2024	74	2015	Chair	Chair	Х

## **Director Statistics**

Gender Diversity	Racial Diversity	Average Age	Independence	Average Tenure
22%	11%	63	89%	10

# Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee ("Nominating Committee") consists entirely of independent directors who were appointed by the Board to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Board determined that each member of the Nominating Committee is independent in accordance with the listing standards of the NYSE. During 2023, the Nominating Committee held 4 meetings.

The Nominating Committee is primarily responsible for:

- Developing and recommending to the Board, appropriate corporate governance principles and practices and assisting the Board in implementing those practices;
- Developing criteria for, and identifying individuals qualified to become, members of the Board and recommending to the Board nominees for election at the Annual Meetings of stockholders or for appointment to fill vacancies; and
- Overseeing and making recommendations to the Board with respect to the management of the Company's strategy, initiatives, risks, opportunities and reporting on material ESG matters, to the extent not otherwise overseen by another Board committee.

The Nominating Committee periodically assesses the skills and experience needed for the Board to properly direct the business and affairs of the Company. The Nominating Committee seeks Board candidates possessing the following qualities:

- Diverse mix of skills and experience, including business leadership, financial expertise, corporate governance, industry expertise, and legal and risk management;
- Proven leadership, sound judgment and a commitment to the success of the Company; and
- Independence, financial literacy, personal and professional experience considering the needs
  of the Company.

The Nominating Committee evaluates the skills, qualifications, experience and expertise of candidates to determine director nominees. For incumbent directors, the factors also include past performance on the Board and contributions to their respective committees.

The Nominating Committee is also responsible for:

- Advising the Board about the appropriate composition of the Board and its committees, including recommendations related to the Board's leadership structure and the designation of individuals to serve as Chairman of the Board and Lead Director (if any); and
- Leading the evaluation of the Board through an annual review of the performance of the Board and its committees.

The Nominating Committee considers the qualifications of director candidates recommended by stockholders and evaluates each of them using the same criteria the Nominating Committee uses for incumbent or other candidates identified by the Nominating Committee. Director candidate recommendations by stockholders must be made in compliance with the procedures set forth in our Bylaws by notice in writing delivered or mailed by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in care of our Corporate Secretary, LSB Industries, Inc., 3503 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116. Please indicate "*Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee*" on the envelope.

# **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee assists the Board in (i) overseeing the accounting, reporting, and financial practices of the Company and its subsidiaries, (ii) preparing the report required by the SEC to be included in the Company's annual proxy and (iii) providing oversite of the Company's Enterprise Risk Management program.

In carrying out these purposes, the Audit Committee, among other things, is responsible for:

- Providing an open means of communication among the independent auditors, financial and senior management, the internal auditors and the Board;
- Appointing, evaluating and approving the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight
  of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- Approving in advance all auditing services and permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditor;
- Annually considering the qualifications, independence and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- Reviewing recommendations of the independent registered public accounting firm concerning our accounting principles, internal controls and accounting procedures and practices;
- Providing oversight of the internal audit function;
- Reviewing and approving the scope of the annual audit;
- Providing oversight to the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Program, including oversight of the Company's Cybersecurity Program;
- Reviewing and discussing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements;
- Reviewing legal matters and the Company's compliance programs and other systems in place designed to ensure that the Company's financial statements, reports and other financial information satisfy applicable legal, regulatory or NYSE requirements; and
- Performing such other duties as set forth in the Audit Committee Charter.

During 2023, the Audit Committee held 8 meetings.

## **Audit Committee Financial Expert**

In 2023, the Board evaluated the members of the Audit Committee and believes that each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate and that each member has sufficient background and experience to fulfill the duties of the Audit Committee. The Board has determined that Mr. Roedel satisfies the definition of "audit committee financial expert" under the NYSE listing standards and applicable SEC regulations.

# **Audit Committee Report**

The Audit Committee oversees the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management has the primary responsibility for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting, including disclosure controls and procedures, and for preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and management's report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting in the 2023 annual report with management. The Audit Committee also reviews the Company's quarterly and annual reporting on Forms 10-Q and 10-K prior to filing with the SEC. The Audit Committee's review process includes discussions of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments and estimates and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements.

The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for expressing opinions on the conformity of the consolidated financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters that are required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the SEC. In addition, in accordance with the rules of the PCAOB, the Audit Committee has discussed with and has received the written disclosures and letter from the independent registered public accounting firm regarding its independence from management and the Company. The Audit Committee also has considered whether the independent registered public accounting firm's provision of non-audit services to the Company is compatible with maintaining the firm's independence.

The Audit Committee discussed their overall audit scopes and plans separately with the Company's internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee meets with the internal auditors and the independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their audits, evaluations by management and the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting. The Audit Committee also meets privately with the Company's compliance officer. The Audit Committee held eight meetings during 2023.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors (and the Board approved) that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 and filed with the SEC. The Audit Committee also reappointed Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2024. Stockholders are being asked to ratify that selection at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

Richard W. Roedel Chair Jonathan S. Bobb Barry H. Golsen Steven L. Packebush Diana M. Peninger Richard S. Sanders, Jr. Lynn F. White

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in our filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act that might incorporate by reference previous or future filings, including this Proxy Statement, in whole or in part, the foregoing report of the Audit Committee and any statements regarding the independence of the Audit Committee members shall not constitute soliciting material and shall not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any such filings, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates this Report or any such statements therein.

#### Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

#### Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed by E&Y for professional services rendered for the audit of our annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, for the reviews of the financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for those fiscal years, and for review of SEC-related documents for those fiscal years were approximately \$1,168,550 and \$1,547,450, respectively.

#### Audit-Related Fees

E&Y billed us \$43,450 and \$41,800 during 2023 and 2022 for audit related services, which included services relating to our benefit plan audits.

#### Tax Fees

E&Y billed us \$145,277 and \$127,996 during 2023 and 2022, respectively, for tax services, tax consultations and planning.

#### All Other Fees

E&Y billed us \$15,034 during 2022 (none in 2023), for financial and tax due diligence related services.

#### **Engagement of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Audit Committee is responsible for approving all engagements with E&Y to perform audit or non-audit services for us prior to us engaging E&Y to provide those services. All of the services outlined under the headings "Audit Related Fees," "Tax Fees," and "All Other Fees," above were approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee of our Board has considered whether E&Y's provision of the services described above for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is compatible with maintaining its independence.

#### **Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

All audit and non-audit services that may be provided to us by our principal accountant, E&Y, require pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee delegates such pre-approval of services to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee or the Chairman of the Audit Committee evaluates the pre-approval request to determine the appropriateness of the proposed project and proposed fee. Further, E&Y may not provide to us those services specifically prohibited by the SEC.

#### **Oversight of Risk Management**

The Board oversees management's risk management activities, including those relating to credit risk, liquidity risk, cyber risk, and operational risk, through a combination of processes. The Board believes effective risk management will enable us to accomplish the following:

- Timely identification of material risks that the Company encounters, including a regular review of enterprise risks with management;
- Communication of necessary information with respect to material risks to senior executives and, as appropriate, the Board or relevant committee of the Board;
- Implementation of appropriate and responsive risk management strategies consistent with the Company's risk profile; and
- Integration of risk management into the Company's decision-making.

In addition to the Company's compliance program, the Board encourages management to promote a corporate culture that incorporates risk management into the Company's corporate strategy and day-to-day business operations. The Board also continually works, with the input of the Company's executive officers, to assess and analyze the most likely areas of future risk for the Company.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management relating to the Company's major financial risk exposures and to review and discuss such material risks and the steps taken to monitor and control such exposures.

#### **Enterprise Risk Management**

As discussed on page **30**, LSB has a robust enterprise risk management program that facilitates identification, communication and management of the most significant risks throughout the Company. We employ a formalized framework in which risk, governance and oversight are largely embedded in our organization and control structures. Included in our formal process are regular risk assessments. The purpose of these risk assessments is:

- To assess internal and external events that affect the achievement of the organization's objectives;
- Provide an overview of the key risks facing the business; and
- Present a broad, holistic view of the risk management framework across the business.

The risk assessment is performed through information gathering, analysis and meetings with members of the manufacturing, commercial, sales, logistics, finance, legal and other teams across the organization.

The Company's ERM Committee is designated with the responsibility to direct our risk management program and to execute our risk management strategy, including cyber and technology risk. The Audit Committee is primarily responsible for the risk oversight function and regularly reports to the full Board on the enterprise risks, including on management's cybersecurity and risk management process. The ERM Committee reports directly to the Audit Committee on risk management matters and management regularly provides reports to the Audit Committee and the full Board. We believe that our leadership structure supports the Board's risk oversight.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the principal accounting officer, treasurer, and, or persons performing similar functions, are subject to our Code of Ethics for CEO and Senior Financial Officers. Additionally, we and each of our subsidiary companies have adopted a Code of Conduct applicable to all of the employees, officers and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Our Code of Ethics for CEO and Senior Financial Officers and Code of Conduct are available on our website at **www.lsbindustries.com**. We will post any amendments to these documents, as well as any waivers that are required to be disclosed pursuant to the rules of either the SEC or the NYSE, on our website (to the extent applicable to the Company's executive officers, senior financial officers or directors).

#### **Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy**

LSB has an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy which memorializes our commitment to adhere faithfully to both the letter and spirit of all applicable anti-bribery legislation in the conduct of our business activities worldwide.

# Compensation and Talent Management Committee

Our Compensation and Talent Management Committee (the "Compensation Committee") is comprised of non-employee, independent directors in accordance with the rules of the NYSE. During 2023, the Compensation Committee held 5 meetings.

The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include, among other duties:

 Determining the individual elements of total compensation for the Company's President and CEO, reviewing and overseeing the individual elements of total compensation for the Company's executive officers and the Company's non-employee directors, and recommending specific corporate goals and objectives relevant to their compensation for Board approval;

- Overseeing management's compliance with the compensation reporting requirements of the SEC, the NYSE and any other regulatory bodies, including reviewing and discussing with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CD&A") to be included in the Company's proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of stockholders or Annual Report on Form 10-K, and determining whether to recommend to the Board that the CD&A be included in the proxy statement or Annual Report on Form 10-K;
- Reviewing, evaluating and overseeing the incentive, equity-based and other compensation agreements, plans, policies and programs of the Company to compensate the Company's executive officers and directors;
- Conducting an annual review of the CEO's performance and discussing the CEO's review of the other executive officers;
- Reviewing, evaluating and overseeing the Company's policies and strategies relating to culture and talent management, including with respect to diversity and inclusion;
- Overseeing management's succession planning; and
- Performing other functions or duties deemed appropriate by the Board.

Recommendations regarding non-equity compensation of our non-executive officers and our NEOs are made by our CEO, other than decisions related to the CEO's own compensation, and are presented for discussion with the Compensation Committee.

During 2023, the agenda for meetings of the Compensation Committee was determined by its Chairman with the assistance of our CEO. Compensation Committee meetings are regularly attended by the CEO. The Compensation Committee also meets regularly in executive session without the CEO. The Compensation Committee may delegate authority to the CEO in order to fulfill certain administrative duties regarding the executive compensation program.

The Compensation Committee has authority under its charter to retain, approve fees for, and terminate advisors, consultants and agents as it deems necessary to assist in the fulfillment of its responsibilities. If a compensation consultant is engaged, the Compensation Committee reviews the total fees paid to such outside consultant by the Company to ensure that the consultant maintains its objectivity and independence when rendering advice to the Compensation Committee. During 2023, the Compensation Committee retained Compensation Strategies, Inc. ("Compensation Strategies") as its independent compensation consultant to advise the Compensation Committee on matters related to executive and non-employee director compensation. For information regarding the compensation consultant, please see page 43 regarding the "Executive Compensation — Compensation Discussion and Analysis-Use of Compensation Consultant" in this Proxy Statement.

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The Compensation Committee has the authority to determine the compensation of all of our officers. The Compensation Committee considered the recommendations of the CEO when setting the compensation of our officers. During 2023, the CEO did not make any recommendation regarding the CEO's own compensation. None of the members of the Compensation Committee is an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or had any relationship requiring disclosure by the Company under Item 404 of Regulation S-K during 2023. No executive officer of the Company served on any board of directors or compensation committee of any other company for which any of our directors served as an executive officer at any time during 2023.

#### **Board Independence**

At least annually, the Board receives a report on all commercial, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable or other business relationships that a Director or the Director's immediate family members have with the Company and its subsidiaries. This report includes all ordinary course transactions with entities with which the Directors are associated.

- The Board determined that the Company and its subsidiaries followed our procurement policies and procedures, and under our policy relating to the approval and ratification of related party transactions, the amounts reported were well under the thresholds contained in the Director independence requirements, and no Director had a direct or indirect material interest in the transactions included in the report; and
- In determining Director independence, the Board considers transactions, if any, identified in
  the report discussed above that affect Director independence, including any transactions in
  which the amounts reported were above the threshold contained in the Director
  independence requirements and in which a Director had a direct or indirect material
  interest. No such transactions were identified and, as a result, no such transactions were
  considered by the Board.

As a result of its review process, the Board affirmatively determined that 8 of its 9 Directors are independent. The only member of the Board who is not independent is Mr. Behrman, who is the President and CEO of the Company.

#### Communication with the Board

Our Board believes that it is important for us to have a process whereby stockholders may send communications to the Board. Stockholders and interested parties who wish to communicate with the Board, the Chairman, the independent directors as a group, or a particular director, may do so by sending a letter to the Chairman of the Board of Directors at 3503 NW 63rd Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116. Please indicate on the mailing envelope a clear notation indicating that the enclosed letter is a "Stockholder-Board Communication" or "Stockholder-Director Communication." All such letters must identify the author as a stockholder or an interested party and clearly state whether the intended recipients are all members of the Board, the Chairman, the independent directors, non-management directors, or only certain specified individual directors. The Chairman will make copies of all such letters and circulate them to the appropriate director or directors.

# Policy as to Related Party Transactions

Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, our Audit Committee reviews any related party transactions involving any of our directors and executive officers. The Audit Committee believes that it considers all relevant facts and circumstances in its review process.

During 2023, LSB did not have any related party transactions requiring review by the Audit Committee or the Board as a whole.

# **Our Named Executive Officers**

#### MARK T. BEHRMAN



Mr. Behrman, age 61, became our President and Chief Executive Officer effective December 30, 2018. He served as the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from June 2015 and its Senior Vice President of Corporate Development beginning in March 2014. Mr. Behrman's biographical information is set forth on page **18** of this Proxy.

#### **CHERYL A. MAGUIRE**



Ms. Maguire, age 46, became the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in January 2020. She was previously the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. She joined the Company as Vice President, Financial Planning and Accounting in November 2015. She has more than 20 years of financial and accounting experience across manufacturing and energy industries. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Maguire served as a Senior Manager of financial planning and analysis with LyondellBasell, a large international plastics, chemicals and refining company, from July 2012 to June 2015. Ms. Maguire was previously head of external reporting, corporate accounting, accounting policy and financial analysis at Petroplus, a European Refining company. During her career, Ms. Maguire was integral to the financial integration of large-scale acquisitions, the execution of multiple debt and equity transactions and the implementation of several corporate restructurings and business turnarounds. She began her career at Grant Thornton LLP. Ms. Maguire holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Prince Edward Island and is a certified public accountant.

#### **MICHAEL J. FOSTER**



Mr. Foster, age 57, became the Company's Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary on December 30, 2018. He joined the Company as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary in January 2016. Immediately prior to joining the Company, Mr. Foster was engaged in the private practice of law. From 2007 to 2014 Mr. Foster served as the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Tronox (NYSE:TROX), a global mining and manufacturing firm. Before his appointment as the Tronox General Counsel, Mr. Foster served as its Managing Counsel leading the operations of the Tronox legal team following its spin-off from Kerr-McGee Corporation. Prior to the Tronox spin-off, Mr. Foster served as a member of the Kerr-McGee legal team. His earlier experience includes nearly five years in the midstream energy industry and more than five years in the public and private practice of law. Mr. Foster holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Tulsa.

#### **JOHN P. BURNS**



Mr. Burns, age 60, became the Company's Executive Vice President, Manufacturing of the Company in February 2020. He brings 30 years of operating experience in petroleum refining and chemical manufacturing industries including 8 years of experience in the nitrogen-based fertilizers and industrial feedstocks sector. His leadership roles include Reliability Engineering Manager, Area Operations Manager, Engineering and Maintenance Manager, Director of Operations Excellence and Vice President of Operations leading multiple facilities. In these roles, he has improved performance in the key operating categories of safety, environmental stewardship, production performance and cost, and product quality. He has demonstrated skills and capability in process safety excellence, leadership development and coaching, competitive benchmarking, dynamic work design, lean process implementation and digital innovation. John graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station, TX with a BS in Engineering Technology and Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX with an MBA.

#### **DAMIEN J. RENWICK**



Mr. Renwick, age 47, became the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer in January 2021. Mr. Renwick has more than 17 years of experience in the chemical industry, most recently with Houston-based Cyanco where he was President of Cyanco International and held the additional position of Chief Commercial Officer. Prior to this, Mr. Renwick was with Perth, Australia-based Wesfarmers Limited, one of Australia's largest listed companies. There he held various positions of increasing responsibility in the Chemicals, Energy and Fertilizers division, including Director and General Manager of Australian Gold Reagents, and Commercial Manager, Ammonium Nitrate. Mr. Renwick has led and executed multiple significant commercial transactions to underpin large-scale capital investment projects, led large improvements in operating and safety performance of product on plants and been deeply involved in numerous capital growth projects and acquisition and divestment transactions and evaluations. He began his career with Arthur Andersen in its consulting division. Mr. Renwick holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Honors) and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia.

# **Executive Compensation**

# **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### **Overview of Executive Compensation Program**

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes our compensation philosophy, objectives, policies and practices framed within the context of the chemical manufacturing industry, our specific strategy and the performance of our NEOs for 2023.

#### Our NEOs for 2023 were:

Mark T. Behrman	President and Chief Executive Officer
Cheryl A. Maguire	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Michael J. Foster	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
John P. Burns	Executive Vice President, Manufacturing
Damien J. Renwick	Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer

#### **Compensation Principles**

Our executive compensation program ties strategy and performance to compensation, including equity-based compensation. This is intended to focus our executive team on the long-term success of the Company and to further align their interests with the interests of our stockholders. Our executive compensation program is designed to assist us in attracting, motivating and retaining exceptional talent with skills across a diverse set of capabilities. This allows us to continue improving our operational and financial performance, which is essential to achieving the long-term success of our business and the sharing our success with our customers, stockholders and other stakeholders.

The following principles guide the Compensation Committee in the management, design, and administration of LSB's executive compensation program, while supporting the core value of our compensation philosophy of pay-for-performance:

- Link to our business strategy and long-term value creation;
- Achieve market competitiveness;
- · Align with good governance practices; and
- Mitigate compensation risk.

The following summarizes how we seek to achieve our compensation principles, and highlights key risk-mitigating features incorporated into our processes and programs:

#### **Compensation Plan Design**

- ✓ Executive compensation program is simple and transparent;
- Compensation is balanced between fixed and variable compensation, with a significant part of NEO total direct compensation (salary plus annual incentive plus long-term incentive) being at-risk;
- Level of fixed compensation is designed to promote retention;
- Performance targets are derived from LSB's annual business plan and longer-term strategic business plan objectives;
- Long-term incentive plan has threshold performance levels (below which payouts are not made) and is capped at two times target payout;
- Total direct compensation is benchmarked versus relevant peers while also considering internal equity and other factors; and
- Judgment is applied to address individual circumstances.

#### **Corporate Governance**

- Independent Compensation Committee oversees all aspects of executive compensation to assess potential impact on business risk (including human resource risk);
- Compensation Committee retains an independent compensation consultant;
- ✓ Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy applies to incentive-based compensation;
- ✓ NEOs are subject to mandatory Management Stock Ownership Guidelines;
- Directors and officers are subject to an insider trading and anti-hedging and pledging policy;
- Double trigger change in control provisions, requiring both a change in control and a qualifying termination of the executive's employment, are embedded in employment contracts and long-term incentive plans; and
- ✓ Stockholders have an annual "say on pay" vote.

The Compensation Committee reviews and recommends to the Board the compensation philosophy, strategy and principles, and program design, as well as oversees the administration of our executive compensation plans, policies and programs.

The Compensation Committee is composed of independent directors who have been determined by the Board to possess human capital literacy, meaning an understanding of compensation theory and practice, human resources management and development, succession planning and executive development. Such knowledge and capability includes: (i) current or prior experience working as a chief executive or senior officer of a major organization (which provides significant financial and human resources experience), (ii) involvement on board compensation committees of other entities, (iii) experience and education pertaining to financial accounting and reporting, which is integral to managing executive incentive compensation, and/or (iv) familiarity with internal financial controls. This knowledge and experience, in conjunction with a comprehensive compensation decision-making process and the support of its independent compensation consultant, enables the Compensation Committee to formulate informed compensation recommendations for Board approval. One of the primary purposes of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for executive compensation. Together with the Board, the Compensation Committee is committed to getting LSB's approach to human capital and talent management matters and compensation right, both for stockholders and for the Company's long-term success. The executive compensation elements of our Compensation Committee's charter focus on:

- Evaluating executives' performance and recommending appropriate compensation in light of that performance;
- Overseeing the compensation elements that deliver pay-for-performance;
- Mitigating compensation risk; and
- Putting in place a process to determine competitive compensation levels and overseeing the execution of this process.

To support the decision-making process, the Compensation Committee receives input from management and an independent compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee considers the data provided by and the advice of its independent compensation consultant, as well as many other factors. Ultimately, all decisions and recommendations to the Board are the Committee's own. The Compensation Committee reviews the performance goals for the CEO, assesses the CEO's performance, and makes compensation recommendations for the CEO to the other independent members of the Board for approval. With respect to the other executive officers, the CEO's assessment of their performance is taken into account by the Committee when making compensation recommendations to the Board. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves the compensation structure and evaluation process for the CEO and the executives who report directly to the CEO.

#### **Executive Compensation Program Risk Management**

We endeavor to mitigate executive compensation risk through appropriate oversight of our executive compensation program, through our executive compensation plan design (as outlined below) and through our corporate governance policies. We also seek to motivate certain behaviors that encourage appropriate

risk-taking to drive performance in accordance with our risk profile. As part of its risk management role, the Compensation Committee:

- Actively engages with senior Company leaders to understand the connection between our executive compensation program and business strategy;
- Determines compensation plan design, the selection of peer groups, the elements of compensation and program participation, in order to assess potential impact on business risk (including human resource risk);
- Retains an independent compensation consultant to provide independent advice on market data, plan design and current good corporate governance practices;
- Oversees a robust process to assess performance; and
- Considers the implications of the potential risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices.

Our executive compensation program is designed to provide competitive levels of reward that are responsive to Company and individual performance but do not incentivize risk taking that is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. In reaching the conclusion that our executive compensation program does not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us, the Compensation Committee examined the various elements of our executive compensation program and our risk mitigation controls. In particular, numerous factors were considered, including:

- Absence of significant short-term incentives that would reasonably be considered as motivating high-risk investments or other conduct that is not consistent with the long-term goals of the Company;
- Provision of a mix of short-term and long-term compensation;
- Type of equity awards granted to employees and level of equity and equity award holdings;
   and
- Historical emphasis on long-term growth and profitability, over short-term gains.

Specific corporate governance policies related to compensation risk management include:

- Recoupment Policy. In 2023, we updated our Executive Compensation (Recoupment Policy) to comply with SEC and NYSE listing rules. The Recoupment Policy requires, subject to limited exceptions, current and former executive officers of the Company to return erroneously awarded incentive-based compensation in the event the Company is required to restate its financial statements due to material noncompliance with financial reporting requirements under federal securities laws;
- Mandatory Stock Ownership Guidelines. Our NEOs are subject to our mandatory Management Stock Ownership Guidelines of five times salary for the President & CEO and three times salary for our other NEOs (as described in further detail below); and
- Insider Trading and Pledging and Hedging Policies. Our Insider Trading Policy and Policy
  Regarding Pledging and Hedging of Company Securities govern the trading of Company
  securities by insiders and prohibit directors and officers from entering into derivative or similar
  transactions with respect to their securities of the Company, holding their securities in a
  margin account or pledging their securities as collateral for loans, because such
  arrangements could reduce the risk of equity ownership by directors and officers and negate
  the alignment of interests of directors and officers with those of stockholders.

These policies are available for review at:

https://investors.lsbindustries.com/corporate-governance-highlights

The three elements of total direct compensation for our NEOs are: (i) base salary, (ii) short-term incentive awards and (iii) long-term incentive awards. Unlike base salary, which is fixed annually, short-term and long-term incentive awards each represent variable, at risk, compensation. These three elements are balanced such that a portion of each NEO's compensation is contingent on performance over both the short and longer-term. The Compensation Committee has adopted and implemented core principles that form the framework for our executive compensation program. We believe that the Company's executive compensation program clearly aligns executive compensation opportunities with our Company's long-term strategic plan and provide accountability for long-term results.

# Compensation Philosophy – How Executive Pay is Linked to Company Performance

Our executive compensation program is designed to incentivize and motivate our executive officers to lead and manage our business well over the long-term, to drive performance improvements, and to increase stockholder value. It is also designed to enable us to compete effectively with other companies in attracting, motivating and retaining talented executives.

The incentive compensation elements of our program are designed to align closely the financial interests of our executives with those of our stockholders. We believe the portion of compensation that is at-risk and tied to organization-wide performance metrics should increase as the level of responsibility increases.

Because of the inherent risk in chemical operations, we place a high priority on our leaders to create, maintain and reinforce a strong safety culture. Because of the environmental risks in our business, we place a high priority on managing our operations responsibly and sustainably.

We regularly assess how our executive compensation program compares to companies with a similar profile to ours. Our objective is to deliver compensation at a competitive market level that will enable executive officers who demonstrate consistent performance over a multi-year period to earn compensation that is competitive and consistent with or above targeted total compensation. Conversely, the program is designed to pay less than the annual target compensation when performance does not meet expectations. Individual executive compensation may be above or below the annual targeted compensation level, based on our performance; economic and market conditions; the individual's performance, contribution to the organization, experience, expertise, and skills; and other relevant factors. Please see our Compensation Framework below for further information on this topic.

# Compensation Framework

In accordance with our compensation philosophy, the salary and benefits for NEOs provide the secure fixed compensation component that the Compensation Committee feels is necessary to attract and retain key executive talent. The combination of annual and long-term incentives is designed to motivate the execution of our business strategy in a manner that creates stockholder value while retaining executive talent and aligning our executives' interests with those of our stockholders.

The combination of the fixed and at-risk compensation components provides our executives with a competitive compensation package that is designed to meet our needs and the expectations of our stockholders. Our 2023 compensation elements include:

Compensation Element	Performance Period	Performance Measures	Purpose of Compensation Element
Base Salary	· Not applicable	Pay aligned with scope of responsibilities and experience	Provides competitive fixed pay
Performance Annual Incentive Award (Short-Term Incentive)	· 1 уеаг	Environmental, Health & Safety     Financial and operational performance measures	Promotes achievement of shorter-term performance goals
Equity Grants (Long-Term Incentive)	· 3 years	Depending on form of grant:  Time-based (vesting ratably over 3 years) Relative stock-based performance metrics	Aligns NEOs' and stock-holders' interests     Retains talent with long-term wealth accumulation opportunities     Ties compensation to a longer-term performance goal, in the case of PSUs
Perquisites and Other Benefits	· Not applicable	· Not applicable	· Allows the Company to remain competitive among its peers to attract and retain key talent

For 2023, the pay mix, as between salary, short-term incentives and long-term incentives, is below, determined using actual amounts earned for short-term incentives and assuming target performance for long-term incentives, where applicable, and based on the grant date fair value of any equity awards.



# **Other NEO Pay Mix**



#### **Role of Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions**

Our CEO annually reviews the performance of each of our NEOs (other than himself) and provides recommendations to the Compensation Committee with respect to salary, STI Plan and 2016 LTIP

compensation, and other benefits for such executive officers. The Compensation Committee reviews these recommendations while considering the Company's compensation philosophy and objectives. In determining recommendations for the the compensation for our CEO, the Compensation Committee reviews his responsibilities and performance. Such review includes regular meetings with our CEO, consideration of the Compensation Committee's observations of his performance during the applicable year, and overall Company performance against short-term and long-term goals. When appropriate, NEOs are invited by the Compensation Committee to provide insight regarding Company and individual performance and feedback regarding compensation structure. NEOs are not present at any meeting of the Compensation Committee while their own compensation is being discussed or determined.

#### **Compensation Peer Group**

LSB benchmarks NEO compensation levels using a peer group of companies (the "Compensation Peer Group"). The Compensation Committee annually commissions its independent compensation consultant to review the criteria and composition of the peer group. The Compensation Peer Group utilized in making the compensation decisions for 2023 was comprised of the following companies:

Advansix Inc.

American Vanguard Corporation
Balchem Corporation
Compass Minerals International, Inc.
CSW Industrials, Inc.
CVR Partners, LP
Ecovyst, Inc.
Hawkins, Inc.
Haynes International, Inc.
Ingevity Corporation
Intrepid Potash, Inc.
Livent Corp.
Orion Engineered Carbons S.A.
Quaker Chemical Corporation

Overall, the Committee uses a number of factors when determining the compensation for each executive, including a broad range of market data, corporate performance, executive performance, competitive labor conditions, among others.

The Compensation Committee, in consultation with its compensation consultant, evaluates the composition of the Compensation Peer Group by evaluating, among other things, the industry or business models, annual revenues, market capitalization, and geographic locations of potential Compensation Peer Group companies, as well as those companies that are perceived competitors for talent. After reviewing the Compensation Peer Group, the Compensation Committee, in consultation with its compensation consultant, determined to add Compass Minerals International, Inc. and Orion Engineered Carbons S.A., remove Chase Corporation and otherwise retain the peer group of companies that was in effect for 2022 for purposes of 2023 compensation-related decisions based on the annual revenue and market capitalization of the Company.

### **Setting Executive Compensation**

The Compensation Committee annually sets cash and non-cash executive compensation to reward the NEOs for achievement of, and to motivate the NEOs to achieve, near-term and long-term business objectives. The Compensation Committee also reviews the compensation information of our Compensation Peer Group companies. As described in more detail below, in 2023, the Compensation Committee engaged Compensation Strategies as its independent compensation consultants to assist the Compensation Committee in conducting its review of our executive compensation program. The information provided by the independent compensation

consultant is used to determine how our executive compensation program compares to those of our Compensation Peer Group and the market generally, as further described below.

In setting compensation, the Compensation Committee also considers the allocation between cash and noncash compensation amounts, and near-term and long-term compensation, but does not have a specific formula or required allocation between such compensation types. In each case, such allocation is considered as part of the overall compensation determination.

During 2023, the Compensation Committee compared the CEO's total compensation to the total compensation of our other NEOs. However, the Compensation Committee has not established a target ratio between total compensation of the CEO and the median total compensation level for the next lower tier of management. The Compensation Committee also considers internal pay equity among the NEOs and in relation to the next lower tier of management and average compensation of all employees to maintain compensation levels that are consistent with the individual contributions and responsibilities of those NEOs. The Compensation Committee does not consider amounts payable under severance agreements when setting the annual compensation of the NEOs.

### **Base Salary**

The Compensation Committee annually reviews and adjusts salaries based on changes in the market, including Compensation Peer Group data, responsibilities and performance against job expectations, strategic importance and experience and tenure. The following table sets forth the base salaries for each of our NEOs as of the end of 2023. The Compensation Committee, based upon its annual review and overall market conditions, approved increases to the base salaries of each of our NEOs for 2024. The increases went into effect on March 30, 2024.

Named Executive Officer	2023 Base Salary		2024 se Salary
Mark T. Behrman	\$ 725,000	\$	747,000
Cheryl A. Maguire	\$ 425,000	\$	438,000
Michael J. Foster	\$ 422,000	\$	434,000
John P. Burns	\$ 379,000	\$	390,000
Damien J. Renwick	\$ 379,000	\$	390,000

#### **Short-Term (Annual) Incentive Plan**

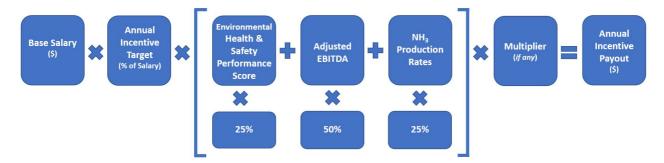
NEOs participate in the Company's Short-Term Incentive Plan (the "STI Plan"), our annual performance bonus plan. The STI Plan provides the opportunity for annual cash payments tied directly to the achievement of key pre-established financial and operational goals. The Compensation Committee sets goals derived from our strategic plan that are designed to align the interests of our NEOs with the interests of our stockholders.

Our STI Plan is a key element in supporting our pay-for-performance philosophy. Each NEO's annual incentive opportunity is determined by performance in up to three categories, with an emphasis on key operating and financial metrics:

- (1) Environmental, Health & Safety performance;
- (2) Company Adjusted EBITDA; and
- (3) Ammonia Production Rates.

Annual incentive targets are set as a percentage of salary, with actual payouts based on a performance multiplier dependent on the achievement of predetermined annual goals. The annual incentive targets for Messrs. Behrman, Burns, and Foster and Ms. Maguire were established in their respective employment agreements. Mr. Renwick's payout target was established upon his beginning employment with the Company. At the end of each year, the Compensation Committee determines the actual achievement of each performance goal. The Compensation Committee and the Board have the ability to apply informed judgment to adjust outcomes based on market, operational and other realities that may not have been contemplated in the scorecard formula. In 2023, the Compensation Committee exercised its judgment and adjusted the STI by

applying a multiplier between 1.1 and 1.2 to the bonus amounts earned based on the achievement of the annual goals described above and below.



Category	Performance Metric
Environmental, Health & Safety performance	Achieve Total Recordable Injury Rate (TRIR) company-wide Achieve Process Safety Tier I Incidents (PSI) company-wide Achieve Reportable Environmental Events company-wide
LSB Corporate Financial Performance	Achieve Adjusted EBITDA at budget
Production Rates	Achieve NH3 production at budget

NEO	2023 Salary	Target Annual Incentive (% of Salary)	Safety & Environmental Performance				Overall Production Multiplier		Overall Payout (% of Target)	2023 STI Plan Payout	
			Weight	Weighted Payout <sup>(1)</sup>	Weight	Weighted Payout <sup>(2)</sup>	Weight	Weighted Payout <sup>(3)</sup>			
Mark T. Behrman	\$ 725,000	110%	25%	42%	50%	0%	25%	21%	120%	76%	\$ 603,000
Cheryl A. Maguire	\$ 425,000	75%	25%	42%	50%	0%	25%	21%	120%	76%	\$ 241,000
Michael J. Foster	\$ 422,000	70%	25%	42%	50%	0%	25%	21%	120%	76%	\$ 223,000
John P. Burns	\$ 379,000	70%	25%	42%	50%	0%	25%	21%	110%	69%	\$ 184,000
Damien J. Renwick	\$ 379,000	70%	25%	42%	50%	0%	25%	21%	120%	76%	\$ 200,000

- (1) The achievement during 2023 for Safety and Environmental performance was 167% resulting in a 42% payout for this portion of the annual bonus.
- (2) The achievement during 2023 for Adjusted EBITDA performance was 0% which resulted in no payout for this portion of the annual bonus.
- (3) The achievement during 2023 for ammonia production performance was 86% resulting in a 21% payout for this portion of the annual bonus.

#### Long-Term (Equity) Incentive Plan

We award long-term performance equity awards to our NEOs under the terms of the 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated March 4, 2021 (the "2016 LTIP") that was approved by stockholders at the 2021 Annual Meeting of stockholders. The Compensation Committee, with the input of its independent compensation consultant, designed the 2016 LTIP to align NEO compensation with stockholders' interests and to serve as a retention tool. The Compensation Committee believes the 2016 LTIP allows us to continue to motivate our NEOs through the grant of equity-based awards and will also increase the Compensation Committee's flexibility to grant different types of equity, equity-based, and cash awards in the future.

The Compensation Committee evaluates each NEO's performance on an annual basis and grants equity awards, and, for each NEO, determines the allocation between time-based grants and performance-based grants.

Both the time-based and the performance-based awards generally vest over a three-year period. Time-based awards, in the form of restricted stock units, vest one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant. Performance-based awards, in the form of performance-based restricted stock units, vest at the end of the three-year performance measurement period. We believe both award types link the value of payments to the long-term results of the Company.

The 2023 grants for each of our NEOs included performance-based and time-based restricted stock units. The performance metric for the 2023 performance-based grants was total shareholder return (TSR) relative to a

peer group measured annually over a three-year performance period. The peer group utilized for relative TSR ranking included the following companies: The Andersons, Advansix, American Vanguard, CF Industries, Chemtrade Logistics, Compass Minerals, Ecovyst, ICL Group, Intrepid Potash, Methanex, Mosaic, Nutrien, OCI, CVR and Yara International. The Compensation Committee determined that this performance metric was a good measure of overall Company performance. For performance on the relative TSR metric that is above the threshold, vesting will result in a range of 50%-200% of the target vesting.

#### **Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits**

The Compensation Committee believes that perquisites and personal benefits can be an appropriate component of total compensation that can contribute to our ability to attract and retain talented executives. Accordingly, the Company provided our NEOs with limited perquisites and personal benefits in 2023 that were consistent with our overall executive compensation program, including an automobile allowance for Messrs. Behrman, Foster and Renwick and country club dues for Mr. Behrman.

The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the levels of perquisites provided to the NEOs to determine whether such perquisites are consistent with our compensation policies.

# Consideration of Stockholder Say-On-Pay Advisory and Say-on-Frequency Votes

At our Annual Meeting of stockholders held in May 2023, approximately 97% of the total votes cast on our say-on-pay proposal approved the compensation of our NEOs on a non-binding, advisory basis. The Compensation Committee and the Board believe that this affirms our stockholders' support of our approach to executive compensation and did not make any changes as a direct result of this vote. Any concerns and comments raised by our stockholders related to our executive compensation program are considered by the Compensation Committee as it completes its periodic reviews of our executive compensation program and considers any potential changes to the program.

The Compensation Committee will continue to consider any and all feedback it receives from stockholders and proxy advisory firms when making future compensation decisions for our NEOs, including when negotiating any future employment agreements.

In accordance with the advisory vote on the frequency of the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation submitted to the stockholders at the Company Annual Meeting of stockholders held in May 2023, the Company will continue to hold a stockholder advisory vote on executive pay on an annual basis until the next required advisory vote on the frequency of such votes which, in accordance with applicable law, will occur no later than the Company's 2029 annual meeting.

#### **Use of Compensation Consultants**

The Compensation Committee has the sole authority to hire and terminate its independent compensation consultant, approve its compensation, determine the nature and scope of its services, and evaluate its performance. In 2023, the Compensation Committee engaged Compensation Strategies as its compensation consultant to provide information to the Compensation Committee to assist it in making determinations regarding our executive compensation program for our NEOs and non-employee directors.

In August and November 2023, Compensation Strategies provided the Compensation Committee with, among other things, a competitive pay analysis comparing the compensation of our executive officers against peer group compensation statistics, 2024 program design advice, an independent review of 2024 compensation proposals developed by management, comparative analysis of non-employee director compensation, including compensation for the regular and special committees of the Board, review of trends and regulatory developments, and assistance with peer group review.

A representative from Compensation Strategies attended the January, March, May, August, and November meetings of the Compensation Committee during 2023. Compensation Strategies did not perform any other services for the Company or its management other than those described above.

Compensation Strategies provides information and data to the Compensation Committee from its surveys, proprietary databases and other sources, which the Compensation Committee utilizes along with information provided by management and obtained from other sources. In making its decisions, the Compensation Committee reviews such information and data provided to it by Compensation Strategies and management and also draws on the knowledge and experience of its members as well as the expertise and information from within the Company, including from the Company's human resources, legal, and finance groups. The Compensation Committee considers executive and non-employee director compensation matters at its quarterly meetings and at special meetings as needed based on our annual compensation schedule.

In connection with its engagement of Compensation Strategies, the Compensation Committee considered various factors bearing upon Compensation Strategies' independence including, but not limited to, the amount of fees received by Compensation Strategies from the Company as a percentage of Compensation Strategies' total revenue, Compensation Strategies' policies and procedures designed to prevent conflicts of interest, and the existence of any business or personal relationship that could impact Compensations Strategies' independence. After reviewing these and other factors, the Compensation Committee determined that Compensation Strategies is independent and that its engagement did not present any conflicts of interest. In 2023, we paid Compensation Strategies for the services it provided to the Compensation Committee.

# **Employment Agreements**

The Compensation Committee believes that executive employment agreements are an integral component of our competitive executive compensation program. Our employment agreements are an important risk management tool that creates continuity in severance and other benefits upon certain termination events. Messrs. Behrman, Burns and Foster and Ms. Maguire are each a party to an executive employment agreement in the Company's standard form, which was implemented in 2018. Mr. Renwick is not party to an employment or severance agreement with the Company.

#### Mark T. Behrman

**2018 Behrman Agreement**—On December 30, 2018, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Behrman. The employment agreement provides in part that Mr. Behrman will:

- Serve as our President and CEO for an initial term of one-year, with automatic one-year extensions until terminated by either party in accordance with the 2018 Behrman employment agreement;
- · Receive an annual base salary of at least \$650,000; and
- Be eligible to receive an annual cash performance bonus equal to between 0% and 200% of his base salary, with a target of at least 100% of base salary, depending on the Company's achievement of performance criteria, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Following his termination of employment, Mr. Behrman will be subject to non-competition and non-solicitation restrictions for a period of 24 months. For information regarding the provisions of the agreement related to change in control and severance payments, please see "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" on page 59.

#### John P. Burns

**2019 Burns Agreement—**On December 20, 2019, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Burns. The agreement provides that Mr. Burns will:

- Serve as our Executive Vice President —Manufacturing for an initial term expiring on December 30, 2020, with automatic one-year extensions until terminated by either party in accordance with the 2019 Burns Agreement;
- Receive an annual base salary of at least \$350,000; and

• Be eligible to receive an annual cash performance bonus equal to between 0% and 100% of his base salary, with a target of at least 50% of base salary, depending on the Company's achievement of performance criteria, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Following his termination of employment, Mr. Burns will be subject to non-competition and non-solicitation restrictions for a period of 24 months. For information regarding the provisions of the agreement related to change in control and severance payments, please see "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" on page 59.

#### Michael J. Foster

**2018 Foster Agreement**—On December 30, 2018, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Foster. The agreement provides in part that Mr. Foster will:

- Serve as our Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for an initial term of one-year, with automatic one-year extensions until terminated by either party in accordance with the 2018 Foster Agreement;
- Receive an annual base salary of at least \$390,000; and
- Be eligible to receive an annual cash performance bonus equal to between 0% and 140% of his base salary, with a target of at least 70% of base salary, depending on the Company's achievement of certain performance criteria, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Following his termination of employment, Mr. Foster will be subject to non-competition and non-solicitation restrictions for a period of 24 months. For information regarding the provisions of the agreement related to change in control and severance payments, please see "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" on page 59.

#### Cheryl A. Maguire

**2018 Maguire Agreement—**On December 30, 2018, we entered into an employment agreement with Ms. Maguire. The agreement provides in part that Ms. Maguire will:

- Serve as our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Ms. Maguire was since promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer) for an initial term of one-year, with automatic one-year extensions until terminated by either party in accordance with the 2018 Maguire Agreement;
- Receive an annual base salary of at least \$370,000; and
- Be eligible to receive an annual cash performance bonus equal to between 0% and 120% of her base salary, with a target of at least 60% of base salary, depending on the Company's achievement of performance criteria, as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Following her termination of employment, Ms. Maguire will be subject to non-competition and non-solicitation restrictions for a period of 24 months. For information regarding the provisions of the agreement related to change in control and severance payments, please see "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" on page 59.

# Management Stock Ownership Guidelines

Beginning in April 2017, the Compensation Committee approved stock ownership guidelines that are intended to further align the interests of our NEOs with the interests of our stockholders by requiring the NEOs to hold significant levels of Company stock. In keeping with our overall compensation philosophy, we believe that the equity ownership levels that they are required to maintain are high enough to appropriately incentivize our NEOs' commitment to long-term value creation. The Compensation Committee evaluates the Stock Ownership Guidelines at least annually. The terms of our Management Stock Ownership Guidelines are set out below:

Term	Component/Description			
	Position	Guidelines		

Target Ownership Amount <sup>(1)</sup>	Chief Executive Officer Chief Financial Officer Other NEOs <sup>(1)</sup>	5x base salary 3x base salary 3x base salary				
Shares Counted Towards Ownership	<ul><li>Shares owned outright or held in trust</li><li>Time-based vesting restricted stock units</li><li>The target number of any performance shares or units</li></ul>					
Compliance Period	<ul> <li>The later of April 26, 2022 or 5 years from hire/promotion into covered role</li> </ul>					
Tracking Achievement	<ul> <li>Measure compliance on December 31 each year using 90-trading day average stock price</li> <li>Notify participants and Compensation Committee of compliance/progress towards meeting guidelines</li> </ul>					
Controls	<ul> <li>Once the guideline is met, participants are expected to maintain shar ownership pursuant to the guideline thereafter</li> <li>Should a participant who previously met the guideline subsequently fa below the guideline for any reason, they will be required to meet th guideline within 2 years</li> </ul>					

<sup>(1)</sup> Target ownership value is calculated by multiplying the total number of shares and restricted stock units owned by the executive by the greater of the executive's cost basis or the average share price over the last 90 days of the calendar year.

As of December 31, 2023, each of our NEOs exceeded the stock ownership guidelines.

## Tax and Accounting Implications

When setting executive compensation, we consider many factors, such as attracting and retaining executives and providing appropriate performance incentives. We also consider the after-tax cost to the Company in establishing executive compensation program, both individually and in the aggregate, but tax deductibility is not our sole consideration. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally disallows a federal income tax deduction to public companies for annual compensation over \$1 million (per individual) paid to their chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and the next three most highly compensated executive officers (as well as certain other executive officers whose compensation may have been subject to this limitation in prior tax years). As a result, we do not expect the compensation payable to covered employees, including our NEOs, in excess of \$1 million per person in a year to be fully deductible and we have paid and will continue to pay compensation that is limited in deductibility, in whole or in part.

We consider the accounting impact reflected in our financial statements when establishing the amounts and forms of executive compensation. We account for stock-based incentive compensation expense in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation ("FASB ASC Topic 718").

## **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management. Based on our review and discussions, the Compensation Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023. This report is provided by the following independent Directors, who comprise the Compensation Committee.

Lynn F. White (Chair) Jonathan S. Bobb Kanna Kitamura Diana M. Peninger Richard W. Roedel

The foregoing Report of the Compensation Committee does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates this Report.

# **Executive Compensation Tables**

## 2023 Summary Compensation Table

The following table summarizes the compensation of the NEOs for 2023, 2022 and 2021 in accordance with SEC reporting rules.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary \$	Bonus \$	Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup> \$	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>(</sup>	All Other Compensation <sup>(3)</sup> \$	Total \$
Mark T. Behrman	2023	\$ 725,000	\$ —	\$ 3,146,428	\$ 603,000	\$ 13,405	\$ 4,487,833
President and Chief	2022	\$ 676,000	\$ —	\$ 2,089,578	\$ 926,120	\$ 12,815	\$ 3,704,513
Executive Officer	2021	\$ 650,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,787,997	\$ 786,500	\$ 7,800	\$ 3,482,297
Cheryl A. Maguire	2023	\$ 425,000	\$ <b>—</b>	\$ 568,923	\$ 241,000	\$ 1,052	\$ 1,235,975
Executive Vice President	2022	\$ 384,800	\$ —	\$ 432,449	\$ 369,000	\$ —	\$ 1,186,249
and Chief Financial Officer	2021	\$ 370,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 369,999	\$ 313,390	\$ —	\$ 1,153,389
Michael J. Foster	2023	\$ 422,000	\$ <b>—</b>	\$ 563,583	\$ 223,000	\$ 7,800	\$ 1,216,383
Executive Vice President,	2022	\$ 405,600	\$ —	\$ 456,273	\$ 389,000	\$ 7,800	\$ 1,258,673
General Counsel and Secretary	2021	\$ 390,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 389,999	\$ 330,330	\$ 7,800	\$ 1,218,129
John P. Burns	2023	\$ 379,000	\$ —	\$ 379,304	\$ 184,000	\$ 1,540	\$ 943,844
Executive Vice	2022	\$ 364,000	\$ —	\$ 306,448	\$ 349,000	\$ —	\$ 1,019,448
President - Manufacturing	2021	\$ 350,000	\$ —	\$ 262,998	\$ 222,338	\$ —	\$ 835,336
Damien J. Renwick	2023	\$ 379,000	\$ —	\$ 379,304	\$ 200,000	\$ 8,939	\$ 967,243
Executive Vice President	2022	\$ 330,000	\$ —	\$ 281,496	\$ 345,500	\$ 8,379	\$ 965,375
and Chief Commercial Officer	2021	\$ 288,462	s —	\$ 150,002	\$ 200,000	\$ 67,868	\$ 706,332
Officer	2021	φ 200,402	<b>Ф</b>	φ 150,002	φ 200,000	φ 07,000	φ 100,332

- (1) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock awards granted to our NEOs computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, determined without regard to estimated forfeitures. The amounts likely do not reflect the actual value that will be recognized by the NEOs. For performance-based awards that were based on relative TSR, the grant date fair value was determined based on Monte Carlo simulation whereas the grant date fair value of performance-based awards based on other performance conditions that were granted in 2020 and 2021 were based on the market price of our stock at the time of the grant. If the performance-based awards were achieved at the highest level of performance, the aggregate value (based on the market price of our stock price at the date of the grant) of the performance-based awards granted during 2023 would be \$2,356,000 for Mr. Behrman, \$426,000 for Ms. Maguire, \$422,000 for Mr. Foster, \$284,000 for Mr. Burns, and \$284,000 for Mr. Renwick.
- (2) The amounts shown in this column represent the actual amounts earned under the STI Plan for fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. For further details regarding these awards, see " Executive Compensation-Compensation Discussion and Analysis-Compensation Framework-Short-Term (Annual) Incentive Plan."
- (3) For 2023, "All Other Compensation" includes
  - For Messrs. Behrman, Foster and Renwick \$7,800 for an automobile allowance.
  - For Mr. Behrman \$5,605 for club related dues and spouse airfare. For Mr. Renwick \$1,139 for spouse airfare. For Mr. Burns \$1,540 for spouse airfare. For Ms. Maguire \$1,052 for spouse airfare.

### 2023 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information concerning grants of plan-based awards to our NEOs during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

			Under No Ince	uture Payouts on-Equity entive wards <sup>(1)</sup>	Under Eq	ed Future Pa uity Incentiv Awards <sup>(2)</sup>			
Name	Grant Date	Date Approved by Board	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Maximu m (#)	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#) <sup>(4)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>
Mark T. Behrman	1/25/2023	1/25/2023	\$ 797,511	\$ 1,450,020	47,731	95,462	190,924	95,462	\$ 3,146,428
Cheryl A. Maguire	1/25/2023	1/25/2023	\$ 318,750	\$ 510,000	8,631	17,261	34,522	17,261	\$ 568,923
Michael J. Foster	1/25/2023	1/25/2023	\$ 295,400	\$ 590,800	8,550	17,099	34,198	17,099	\$ 563,583
John P. Burns	1/25/2023	1/25/2023	\$ 265,300	\$ 379,000	5,754	11,508	23,016	11,508	\$ 379,304
Damien J. Renwick	1/25/2023	1/25/2023	\$ 265,300	\$ 379,000	5,754	11,508	23,016	11,508	\$ 379,304

- (1) The amounts in these columns reflect the target and maximum payout levels for the STI Plan. For further details regarding these awards, please see "Executive Compensation-Compensation Discussion and Analysis-Compensation Framework-Short-Term (Annual) Incentive Plan."
- (2) The amounts in this column represent the performance-based restricted stock unit awards granted under the 2016 LTIP to Messrs. Behrman, Burns, Foster and Renwick and Ms. Maguire on January 25, 2023 assuming achievement of the performance metrics at threshold, target and maximum levels.
- (3) These performance-based grants were valued based on a Monte Carlo simulation at \$20.62 per share.
- (4) The amounts in this column represent the time-based restricted stock unit awards granted to Messrs. Behrman, Burns, Foster and Renwick and Ms. Maguire on January 25, 2023 under the 2016 LTIP. These grants were valued at \$12.34 per share, the closing price of our stock on the NYSE on January 24, 2023.
- (5) The amounts shown in this column represent the grant-date fair value of stock-based awards granted to our NEOs, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, determined without regard to forfeitures, and likely does not reflect the actual value that has or will be recognized by the NEO. The performance-based awards were based on relative TSR ranking where the grant date fair value was determined based on Monte Carlo simulation which incorporates the probabilities of vesting at different levels depending on actual performance achieved.

# 2023 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

The following table contains information about outstanding equity awards held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2023.

Name	Grant Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Mark T. Behrman	1/21/2021 <sup>(4)</sup> 1/20/2022 <sup>(5)</sup>	245,533 59,291	\$ 2,285,912 \$ 551,999	_	\$ — \$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup> 1/25/2023 <sup>(7)</sup>	_	\$ —	59,290	\$ 551,990
	1/25/2023 <sup>(8)</sup>	95,462 —	\$ 888,751 \$ —	— 63,641	\$ — \$ 592,498
Cheryl A. Maguire	1/21/2021 <sup>(4)</sup>	50,810	\$ 473,041	-	\$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(5)</sup> 1/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup>	12,270 —	\$ 114,234 \$ —	— 12,269	\$ — \$ 114,224
	1/25/2023 <sup>(7)</sup> 1/25/2023 <sup>(8)</sup>	17,261	\$ 160,700	— 11,507	\$ —
Michael J. Foster	1/25/2023 <sup>(4)</sup>	— 53,556	\$ 498,606	11,507	\$ 107,130 \$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(5)</sup>	12,946	\$ 120,527	_	\$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup> 1/25/2023 <sup>(7)</sup>	— 17,099	\$ — \$ 159,192	12,947	\$ 120,537
	1/25/2023 (8)	- 17,099	\$ 139,192	11,399	\$ 106,125
John P. Burns	1/21/2021 <sup>(4)</sup>	36,117	\$ 336,249	· —	\$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(5)</sup> 1/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup>	8,695	\$ 80,950	_	\$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(3)</sup> 1/25/2023 <sup>(7)</sup>	— 11,508	\$ — \$ 107,139	8,696 —	\$ 80,960 \$ —
	1/25/2023 <sup>(8)</sup>	— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	\$ —	7,672	\$ 71,426
Damien J. Renwick	1/21/2021 <sup>(4)</sup>	22,887	\$ 213,078	_	\$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(5)</sup> 1/20/2022 <sup>(6)</sup>	7,987	\$ 74,359		\$ —
	1/20/2022 <sup>(7)</sup>	— 11,508	\$ — \$ 107,139	7,988 —	\$ 74,368 \$ —
	1/25/2023 <sup>(8)</sup>	— —	\$	7,672	\$ 71,426

- (1) The amounts shown in this column reflect the number of time-based vesting restricted stock units granted under the 2016 LTIP that are not vested as of December 31, 2023. Shares of restricted stock units will vest in substantially equal one-third increments on the first three anniversaries or one-half increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant date, as applicable, and restricted stock units will vest in substantially equal one-third increments on the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) The amounts reported in this column were calculated by multiplying the number of unvested shares of restricted stock units included in this table by the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on December 29, 2023, the last trading day of 2023, which was \$9.31.
- (3) The amounts shown in this column reflect the number of performance-based vesting restricted stock units granted under our 2016 LTIP that are not vested as of December 31, 2023. For the shares granted on January 20, 2022 the amounts are based on the number of shares earned in years 2022 and 2023 plus the target number of shares for 2024 based on Company performance against targets for fixed cost per ton of NH3 and the Company's TSR. For the shares granted on January 25, 2023 the amounts are based on the number of shares earned in 2023 plus the target number of shares for 2024 and 2025 based on the Company's annual TSR ranking relative to companies in a peer group adjusted up or down based on the Company's three-year period TSR ranking. For further details regarding the performance-based vesting restricted stock unit grants made in 2023, see "Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis Compensation Framework Long-Term (Equity) Incentive Plan".
- (4) All outstanding awards vested on January 21, 2024.
- (5) This row reflects the number of shares of common stock underlying time-based restricted stock units granted on January 20, 2022 under the 2016 LTIP, which are scheduled to vest in equal increments on January 20, 2024 and January 20, 2025.
- (6) This row reflects the number of shares of common stock underlying performance-based restricted stock units granted on January 20, 2022 under the 2016 LTIP, which are scheduled to vest on January 20, 2025.
- (7) This row reflects the number of shares of common stock underlying time-based restricted stock units granted on January 25, 2023 under the 2016 LTIP, which are scheduled to vest in equal increments on January 25, 2024, January 25, 2025 and January 25, 2026.
- (8) This row reflects the number of shares of common stock underlying performance-based restricted stock units granted on January 25, 2023 under the 2016 LTIP, which are scheduled to vest on January 25, 2026.

# Stock Vested During 2023

The following table contains information regarding the vesting of stock awards held by our NEOs during 2023.

	Stock Awards				
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>			
Mark T. Behrman	275,181	\$3,425,494			
Cheryl A. Maguire	56,946	\$ 708,872			
Michael J. Foster	60,032	\$ 747,287			
John P. Burns	81,787	\$1,006,604			
Damien J. Renwick	26,883	\$ 334,523			

- (1) The amounts reported in this column represent the number of shares of restricted stock units that vested during 2023, without reduction for any shares withheld to satisfy applicable tax obligations.
- (2) The value equals the Company's closing stock price on the business day immediately before the vesting date multiplied by the number of shares vesting or acquired on vesting.

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table shows, as of December 31, 2023, information with respect to our equity compensation plans under which shares of common stock are authorized for issuance.

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, restricted stock units, warrants and rights (a) <sup>(1)</sup>	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, restricted stock units, warrants and rights (b)		Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)	
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders <sup>(2)</sup>	1,046,803	\$	0.32	6,318,499	
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	_		_	_	
Total	1,046,803	\$	0.32	6,318,499	

As of December 31, 2023, there were options and restricted stock units outstanding to acquire a total of 1,046,803 shares of common stock under our 2008 Stock Incentive Plan and 2016 LTIP (as defined in the "Long Term (Equity) Incentive Plan" section below), which represent 1.4% of the number of common stock outstanding. A total of 408,892 unvested shares of time-based restricted stock units were excluded from this column (a) as those shares are considered issued at the time of grant. The weighted average price in column (b) includes [1] restricted stock units which do not have an exercise price.

- (1) Plans previously approved by stockholders include our 2008 Stock Incentive Plan and our 2016 LTIP. Following approval of the 2016 LTIP at our annual meeting of stockholders held in June 2016, no further awards can be granted under our 2008 Stock Incentive Plan. The amount in column (c) includes 1,851,202 shares that remain available for issuance under our 2016 LTIP and 4,467,297 shares that remain available for issuance under our 2022 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("2022 ESPP") approved in May 2022 at our annual meeting of stockholders.
- (2) On January 17, 2024, our Board approved annual stock awards to Messrs. Behrman, Burns, Foster and Renwick and Ms. Maguire covering 517,816 shares of common stock. As of April 1, 2024, 5,474,897 shares remained available for issuance pursuant to future awards under the 2016 LTIP and 2022 ESPP (collectively, the "Equity Plans"). For additional information regarding our Equity Plans, please see Notes 9 and 10 to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

#### **Employment Agreements**

As previously discussed, on December 30, 2018, we entered into an employment agreement with each of Ms. Maguire and Messrs. Behrman and Foster, and on December 20, 2019 (effective on February 3, 2020) with Mr. Burns (the "*Employment Agreements*"). We are not party to an employment agreement with Mr. Renwick.

#### Severance Payments and Benefits under the Employment Agreements

The Employment Agreements with our NEOs provide for potential severance payments upon the termination of the NEO's employment in certain situations, including in connection with a "change in control," without "cause" by the Company or for "good reason" by the executive, due to nonrenewal by the Company and upon the death or permanent disability of the executive (as each term is defined in the NEO's Employment, Agreement as applicable).

**Termination for Cause, without Good Reason, or Due to Executive's Nonrenewal.** In the event of the executive's termination by the Company for "cause" or by the executive without "good reason," the Company has no severance obligation to the executive other than payment of accrued obligations, which are (i) earned but unpaid base salary through the date of termination, (ii) any employee benefits to which the executive has a vested entitlement as of the date of termination, (iii) accrued but unused vacation, (iv) any earned but unpaid annual bonus for a performance year that has ended on or prior to the date of termination; and (v) approved but unreimbursed eligible business expenses. Additionally, pursuant to the terms of the applicable restricted stock unit agreements, all unvested restricted stock units will be forfeited by the executive (including Mr. Renwick) upon termination for cause, without good reason or the executive's non-renewal.

Death or Permanent Disability. Under the terms of the Employment Agreements, in the event of the NEO's death or termination on account of becoming permanently disabled, the agreement will terminate and the executive will be entitled to (i) payment of accrued obligations and (ii) payment of a pro-rata portion of his or her annual bonus for the relevant year determined and paid in accordance with the Company's regular bonus practices. Additionally, pursuant to the terms of the applicable restricted stock unit agreements, a prorata portion of the executive's time-based restricted stock units will vest upon termination of the executive's service due to death or disability calculated by multiplying the numbers of shares of restricted stock units scheduled to vest on the anniversary of the grant date immediately succeeding the date of termination by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days that have elapsed from the last anniversary of the grant date and the denominator of which is 365. For performance-based restricted stock units, the executive will vest in a pro-rata portion of the target number of restricted stock units based on actual performance, as determined in good faith by the Compensation Committee. Any outstanding stock grants to Mr. Renwick will be treated in the same manner as the other NEOs.

Termination without Cause, for Good Reason or Due to Company's Nonrenewal. Under the terms of the Employment Agreements, if the executive is terminated by the Company without "cause," by the executive for "good reason" or by the Company's proper notice of nonrenewal of the Employment Agreement, the executive will be entitled to (i) payment of a pro rata portion of his or her annual bonus for the year in which such termination occurs based on the actual achievement of the applicable performance criteria for such year and paid in accordance with the Company's regular bonus practices; (ii) payment of a lump sum cash payment equal to the product of one times (or two times in the case of Mr. Behrman) the sum of his or her then-current base salary and target bonus payable on the first payroll date following the executive's execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims; and (iii) continued participation in our medical, dental and hospitalization insurance coverage for himself or herself and his or her qualified dependents for a period of 18 months with the employer portion of the continued coverage paid by the Company. Additionally, pursuant to the terms of the applicable restricted stock unit agreements, upon termination of the executive by the Company without cause, by the executive for good reason or by the Company's proper notice of nonrenewal of the Employment Agreement, all shares of time-based restricted stock units will automatically vest. For performance-based restricted stock units, the executive will vest in a pro-rata portion of the performance-based restricted stock units, based on the actual performance determined at the end of the performance period by the Compensation Committee in good faith. Any outstanding stock grants to Mr. Renwick will be treated in the same manner as the other NEOs.

Change in Control. Under the terms of the Employment Agreements, if the NEO's employment is terminated by the Company without "cause" or by the executive for "good reason" within 24 months of the change in control or either (a) within 90 days prior to the date a definitive agreement is executed which results in a change in control within 180 days after the date such definitive agreement is executed or (b) on or within 180 days following the date a definitive agreement is executed which results in a change in control within 180 days after the date such definitive agreement is executed, the executive will be entitled to (i) payment of a pro rata portion of his or her annual bonus for the year in which such termination occurs based on the actual achievement of the applicable performance criteria for such year and paid in accordance with the Company's regular bonus practices; (ii) payment of a lump sum cash payment equal to the product of two times (or three times in the case of Mr. Behrman) (three times, or four times in the case of Mr. Behrman, in the event of a termination covered by clauses (a) or (b)) the sum of his or her then-current base salary and target bonus payable on the first payroll date following the executive's execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims; and (iii) continued participation in our medical, dental and hospitalization insurance coverage for himself or herself and his or her qualified dependents for a period of 18 months, with the employer portion of the continued coverage paid by the Company. Additionally, pursuant to the terms of the applicable restricted stock unit agreements, upon termination resulting from a change in control, if the restricted stock unit award is not assumed or substituted in connection with a change in control, all timebased restricted stock unit will automatically vest in full. For performance-based restricted stock units, if a change in control occurs prior to the end of the performance period, the portion of the target number that is earned will be determined by the Compensation Committee immediately prior to the change in control and will equal the greater of (x) the target number of restricted stock units or (y) the portion of the target number that is earned based on the actual performance as determined by the Compensation Committee. Any outstanding stock grants to Mr. Renwick will be treated in the same manner as the other NEOs.

#### Table of Severance Benefits

The following table summarizes the dollar amounts of potential payments to each NEO upon a qualifying termination of employment or change in control pursuant to the terms of our equity incentive plans and the Employment Agreements, as applicable, assuming that the events described in the table occurred on December 31, 2023, and using the closing price of the Company's common stock on December 29, 2023, the last business day of 2023, of \$9.31. The values below are our best estimates of the severance payments and benefits the NEOs would receive upon a termination of employment or a change in control as of December 31, 2023 and we believe the amounts are calculated using reasonable assumptions. All amounts are before taxes, which would reduce amounts ultimately received by our NEOs. The table is only intended to summarize various terms of the Employment Agreements and equity award documents and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the actual agreements, copies of which are on file with the SEC.

Executive Officer	Termination For Cause	1	Fermination Without Cause or For Good Reason		Termination During Change in Control Period \$		Change in Control Without Termination <sup>(1)</sup>		Death \$		Disability \$
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Mark T. Behrman											
STI Plan Payments <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 603,000	\$	603,000	\$	603,000		\$ 603,000	\$	603,000	\$	603,000
Cash Severance	_	\$	3,045,000	\$	4,567,500		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Equity Awards											
Unvested and			( 5		( 5		(		( 7		(7
Accelerated	_	\$	4,871,150	\$	4,871,150		\$ 4,871,150	\$	3,501,789	\$	3,501,789
Health Coverage <sup>(6)</sup>	_	\$	22,918	\$	22,918		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Total	\$ 603,000	\$	8,542,068	\$	10,064,568		\$ 5,474,150	\$	4,104,789	\$	4,104,789
Cheryl A. Maguire											
STI Plan Payments <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 241,000	\$	241,000	\$	241,000		\$ 241,000	\$	241,000	\$	241,000
Cash Severance	241,000	Ψ	241,000 ( 3	Ψ	241,000		φ 241,000	Ψ	241,000	Ψ	241,000
Cash Severance	_	\$	743,750	\$	1,487,500		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Equity Awards											
Unvested and			(		(		(		( 7		(7
Accelerated	_	\$	969,329 <sup>)</sup>	\$	969,329		\$ 969,329	\$	703,007	\$	703,007
Health Coverage <sup>(6)</sup>	_	\$	22,918	\$	22,918		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Total	\$ 241,000	\$	1,976,997	\$	2,720,747		\$ 1,210,329	\$	944.007	\$	944,007
Michael J. Foster	,,,,,,		,,	Ė	, -,	П	, , , , , ,		, , , ,		,,,,
STI Plan Payments <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 223,000	\$	223,000	\$	223,000		\$ 223,000	\$	223,000	\$	223,000
Cash Severance	\$ 223,000	Φ	223,000	φ	223,000		\$ 223,000	Φ	223,000	φ	223,000
Cash Severance	_	\$	717,400 )	\$	1,434,800		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Equity Awards											
Unvested and			(		(		(		( 7		(7
Accelerated	_	\$	1,004,987	\$	1,004,987		\$ 1,004,987	\$	731,654	\$	731,654
Health Coverage <sup>(6)</sup>	_	\$	22,918	\$	22,918		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Total	\$ 223,000	\$	1,968,305	\$	2,685,705		\$ 1,227,987	\$	954,654	\$	954,654
John P. Burns											
STI Plan Payments <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 184,000	\$	184,000	\$	184,000		\$ 184,000	\$	184,000	\$	184,000
Cash Severance	104,000	Ψ	(	Ů	(		Ψ 10-1,000	Ť	104,000	Ů	101,000
	_	\$	644,300	\$	1,288,600		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Equity Awards											
Unvested and			( 5		(		(		( 7		(7
Accelerated	_	\$	676,724	\$	676,724		\$ 676,724	\$	492,890	\$	492,890
Health Coverage <sup>(6)</sup>	_	\$	22,918	\$	22,918		\$	\$	_	\$	_
Total	\$ 184,000	\$	1,527,942	\$	2,172,242		\$ 860,724	\$	676,890	\$	676,890
Damien J.											
Renwick											
STI Plan Payments	_	\$	_	\$	_		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Cash Severance	_	\$	_	\$	_		\$ —	\$	_	\$	_
Equity Awards		ľ		Ť			Ŧ	ľ		Ť	
Unvested and			(		(		(		(		
Accelerated	_	\$	540,370 <sup>5</sup>	\$	540,370		\$ 540,370	\$	370,585	\$	370,585
Health Coverage <sup>(6)</sup>	_	\$		\$			\$ —	\$		\$	
Total		\$	540,370	\$	540,370		\$ 540,370	\$	370,585	\$	370,585
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- (1) The amounts shown in this column represent the value attributable to accelerated vesting of equity awards upon a change in control under the terms of our equity incentive plans and employment agreements, which would be realized by the NEOs regardless of whether they incurred a termination of employment in connection with such change in control.
- (2) This amount represents the actual STI Plan payments made to the NEO earned in 2023. Under their employment agreements, upon a termination of employment, the NEOs are entitled to any earned by unpaid bonuses for a performance year prior to the year of termination.
- (3) This amount represents one times (two times for Mr. Behrman) the sum of base salary and target bonus.
- (4) This amount represents two times (three times for Mr. Behrman) the sum of base salary and target bonus.
- (5) This amount represents the value of the restricted stock units that would have vested if the qualifying event occurred on December 31, 2023, valued at \$9.31 per share, the closing price of our stock on the NYSE on December 29, 2023.
- (6) The amounts included for health coverage are the estimated cost to us for providing continuing health care under our existing medical, dental and vision benefits to each eligible executive for the applicable time period specified in the NEO's Employment Agreement.
- (7) Represents the value on December 31, 2023 of the pro-rata vesting of outstanding equity awards upon the death or disability of the executive valued at \$9.31 per share, the closing price of our stock on the NYSE on December 29, 2023.

## **CEO Pay Ratio**

Our CEO to median employee pay ratio is calculated pursuant to Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K. We identified the median employee by examining the income set out on form W-2 for all individuals, including our CEO, who were employed by the Company on December 31, 2023. We included all employees in the calculation (other than our CEO), whether employed on a full-time, part-time or seasonal basis, as of the end of the year. We believe the use of W-2 income for all employees is a consistently applied compensation measure.

Mr. Behrman's 2023 total annual compensation was \$4,487,833 as reflected in the Summary Compensation Table included in this Proxy Statement. Our median employee's total annual compensation for 2023, determined in the same manner as the compensation reported for the NEOs in the Summary Compensation Table, was \$98,928. As a result, the ratio of Mr. Behrman's total compensation to that of our median employee was 45 to 1.

This pay ratio is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with SEC rules based on our payroll and employment records and the methodology described above. Because the SEC rules for identifying the median compensated employee and calculating the pay ratio based on that employee's annual total compensation allow companies to adopt a variety of methodologies, to apply certain exclusions, and to make reasonable estimates and assumptions that reflect their compensation practices, the pay ratio reported by other companies may not be comparable to the pay ratio reported above, as other companies may have different employment and compensation practices and may utilize different methodologies, exclusions, estimates and assumptions in calculating their own pay ratios.

### Pay Versus Performance

As required by Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information about the relationship between executive compensation actually paid, as computed under SEC rules, and certain financial performance of the Company. For more information about the Company's executive compensation program, see the "Executive Compensation - Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation Tables". In 2021, we closed on a transaction with LSB Funding, the former holder of \$310 million of LSB Series E-1 and F-1 preferred stock, exchanging those preferred shares for shares of our common stock (the "Exchange Transaction"). The successful completion of the Exchange Transaction had the effect of upgrading the Company's credit rating, significantly reducing the cost of capital, and enhancing the Company's liquidity. As a result, our share price performance increased from \$2.61 per share at the end of 2020 to \$11.05 per share at the end of 2021. The "compensation actually paid" disclosures for 2021 below include the revaluation of all unvested and vested stock from the end of 2020 to the end of 2021.

					Value of Initial Fixed \$100 Investment Based on			
	Summary Compensation Table Total for PEO (\$)	Compensation Actually Paid to PEO (\$)	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs (\$)	Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs (\$)	Total Shareholder Return (\$)	Peer Group Total Shareholder Return (\$)	Net Income (in Thousands) (\$)	Adjusted EBITDA (in Thousands) (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
2023	4,487,833	971,051	1,090,861	499,100	357	118	27,923	132,664
2022	3,704,513	5,580,078	1,107,436	1,411,029	510	103	230,347	414,653
2021	3,482,297	17,249,052	1,034,033	2,716,739	424	120	43,545	191,031

- (1) The dollar amounts reported for Mr. Behrman, our Principal Executive Officer ("PEO"), under "Summary Compensation Table Total for PEO" represent the amount of total compensation reported for Mr. Behrman for each corresponding year in the "Total" column of the Summary Compensation Table as reflected on page 55.
- (2) The dollar amounts reported for Mr. Behrman under "Compensation Actually Paid to PEO" represent the amount of "compensation actually paid" to Mr. Behrman, as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. The dollar amounts do not reflect the actual amount of compensation earned by or paid to Mr. Behrman during the applicable year. In accordance with the requirements of Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, the adjustments in the table below were made to Mr. Behrman's total compensation for each year to determine the compensation actually paid. The valuation assumptions used to calculate the fair values of time-based restricted stock units and performance-based restricted stock units include the stock price as of the applicable measuring date and, in the case of performance-based restricted stock units, the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the applicable measuring date (or actual performance results approved by the compensation committee as of the applicable vesting date). These assumptions did not materially change from those in effect on the date of grant. The value of certain performance-based awards held by Mr. Behrman as well as the other NEOs as of the end of 2022 were revalued using the Monte-Carlo valuation model, which valuation method was consistent with how these awards were valued on the date of grant. As a result, the "Compensation Actually Paid to PEO" and "Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs" for 2022 has been adjusted from that shown in the proxy statement for last year's Annual Meeting.

	Mark Behrman		
	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
Total Compensation as reported in Summary Compensation Table	4,487,833	3,704,513	3,482,297
Fair value of equity awards granted during fiscal year	(3,146,428)	(2,089,578)	(1,787,997)
Fair value of equity compensation granted in current year—value at end of year-end	2,049,569	2,577,248	9,194,948
Change in fair value from end of prior fiscal year to vesting date for awards made in prior fiscal years that vested during current fiscal year	(234,413)	282,992	4,999,192
Change in fair value from end of prior fiscal year to end of current fiscal year for awards made in prior fiscal years that were unvested at end of current fiscal year	(2,185,510)	1,104,903	1,360,612
Dividends or other earnings paid on stock or options awards in the covered fiscal year prior to the vesting date that are not otherwise reflected in Fair Value or included in the total compensation for the covered fiscal year	_	_	_
Fair value of awards forfeited in current fiscal year determined at end of prior fiscal			
year	_	_	_
Compensation Actually Paid to PEO	971,051	5,580,078	17,249,052

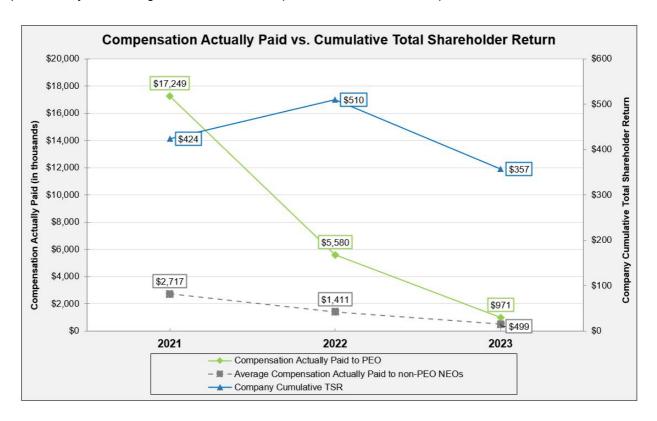
- (3) The dollar amounts reported under "Average Summary Compensation Total for non-PEO NEOs" represent the average of the amounts reported for the Company's non-PEO NEOs as a group (excluding any individual serving as our PEO for such year) in the "Total" column of the Summary Compensation Table in each applicable year. The non-PEO NEOs included for purposes of calculating the average amounts in each applicable year are as follows: (i) for 2023 and 2022, Ms. Maguire, and Messrs. Foster, Burns, and Renwick, and (ii) for 2021, Ms. Maguire, Ms. Carver, and Messrs. Foster, Burns, and Renwick.
- (4) The dollar amounts reported under "Average Compensation Actually Paid to non-PEO NEOs" represent the average amount of "compensation actually paid" to the non-PEO NEOs as a group (excluding the PEO), as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. The dollar amounts do not reflect the actual average amount of compensation earned by or paid to the non-PEO NEOs as a group during the applicable year. In accordance with the requirements of Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, the adjustments in the table below were made to the non-PEO NEOs' total compensation for each year to determine the compensation actually paid. The equity award adjustments for each applicable year include the same methodology described above for Mr. Behrman.

	Non-PEO NEO Averages		
	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2021 <sup>(9)</sup> (\$)
Total Compensation as reported in Summary Compensation Table	1,090,861	1,107,436	1,034,033
Fair value of equity awards granted during fiscal year	(472,778)	(369,167)	(258,495)
Fair value of equity compensation granted in current year—value at end of year-end	307,966	455,321	1,307,445
Change in fair value from end of prior fiscal year to vesting date for awards made in prior fiscal years that vested during current fiscal year	(50,958)	10,402	414,281
Change in fair value from end of prior fiscal year to end of current fiscal year for awards made in prior fiscal years that were unvested at end of current fiscal year	(375,991)	207,037	219,475
Dividends or other earnings paid on stock or options awards in the covered fiscal year prior to the vesting date that are not otherwise reflected in Fair Value or included in the total compensation for the covered fiscal year	_	_	_
Fair value of awards forfeited in current fiscal year determined at end of prior fiscal year	_	_	_
Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs	499,100	1,411,029	2,716,739

- (5) Represents the cumulative total shareholder return on the Company's common stock and is based on an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2020, the last trading day of 2020, through the last trading day for the applicable year in the table, and is calculated by taking the difference between the Company's share price at the end and the beginning of the measurement period, and dividing by the share price at the beginning of the measurement period.
- (6) Please see "Compensation Framework Compensation Peer Group" for the list of companies comprising our peer group used for the Peer Group Total Shareholder Return in this table. The Peer Group Total Shareholder Return for all three years presented in this table is based on the 2023 peer group of companies, which is different from the peer group for determining compensation in 2022. The peer group in 2022 consisted of: Advansix Inc., American Vanguard Corp, Balchem Corp, Chase Corp, CSW Industrials, Inc., CVR Partners, LP, Ecovyst, Inc., Hawkins, Inc., Haynes International, Inc., Ingevity Corporation, Intrepid Potash, Inc., Livent Corp. and Quaker Chemical Corp. The total shareholder return for our former peer group would have been \$120, \$103 and \$116 for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Our compensation peer group changed from fiscal year 2022 to 2023 upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee's compensation consultants. The Compensation Committee determined that the addition of Compass Minerals International, Inc and Orion Engineered Carbons S.A. was appropriate.
- (7) The dollar amounts reported represent the amount of net income of the Company reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the applicable fiscal year.
- (8) Our Adjusted EBITDA measure is derived from net income (loss) after making adjustments to add back net interest expense, depreciation and amortization, provision for income taxes, stock-based compensation expense, certain legal fees and turnaround costs, and to subtract gains on extinguishment of debt.
- (9) This period includes Ms. Carver as a NEO.

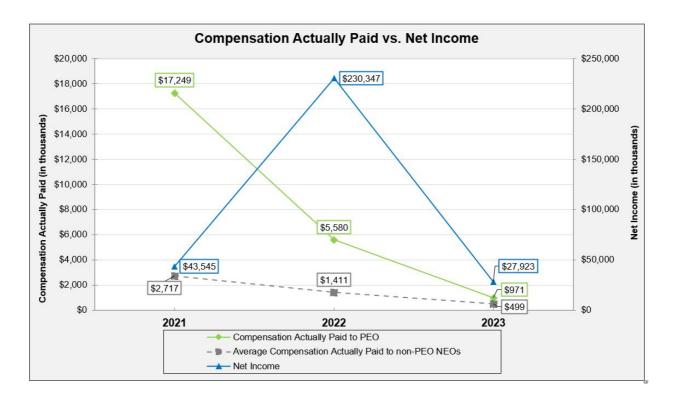
As noted above, the Compensation Committee believes in a comprehensive evaluation of the NEOs' and the Company's performance, and uses a mix of performance measures under our annual STI Plan and our 2016 LTIP to align executive pay with Company performance.

We believe the table above generally shows the alignment between compensation actually paid to our PEO and our non-PEO NEOs and the Company's performance, consistent with our compensation philosophy. Specifically, a large portion of our NEOs' compensation is reliant on the Company's financial performance and, as such, the PEO "compensation actually paid" and non-PEO NEO average "compensation actually paid" each year was aligned with our financial performance and our TSR performance.



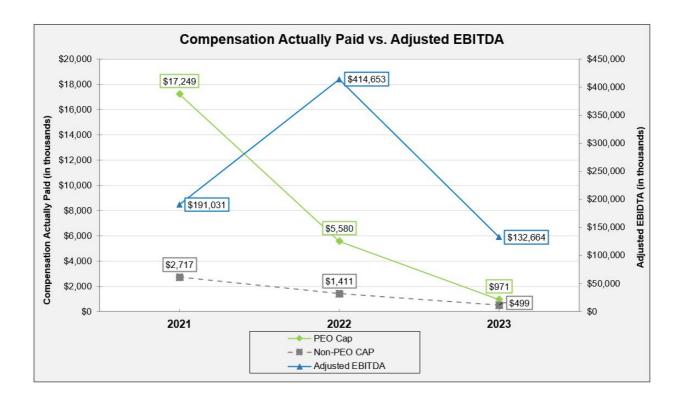
#### Description of Relationship Between NEO Compensation and Total Shareholder Return.

As reflected in the table above, our Total Shareholder Return ("*TSR*") increased from the beginning of fiscal year 2021 to the end of fiscal year 2022 and then decreased to the end of fiscal year 2023. During the same period, "*compensation actually paid*" to our PEO (Mr. Behrman), and average "*compensation actually paid*" to our non-PEO NEOs, decreased. The "*compensation actually paid*" to our PEO and the average "*compensation actually paid*" to our non-PEO NEOs (Ms. Maguire, and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2022 and 2023 and Ms. Maguire and Ms. Carver and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2021) was higher in 2021 than in 2022 and 2023. This is primarily due to the impact of the significantly lower share price under the 2016 LTIP grant date in 2021 as compared with the "*Fair value of equity compensation granted in current year – value at end of year-end*" for 2022 and 2023. The increase in share price from the grant date to the end of the year resulted, in large part, from the Exchange Transaction the Company successfully completed in 2021. The Compensation Committee considers the Company's stock performance as one of several factors to be considered in setting the compensation of our PEO and our non-PEO NEOs. Because a significant portion of the PEO's and non-PEO NEOs' compensation is stock-based, the Compensation Committee anticipates that the "*compensation actually paid*" to such officers will vary with changes in the price of our common stock.



#### Description of Relationship Between NEO Compensation and Net Income.

As reflected in the table above, Net Income for the Company increased from the beginning of fiscal year 2021 to the end of fiscal year 2022 and decreased over fiscal year 2023. During the same period, "compensation actually paid" to our PEO (Mr. Behrman), and average "compensation actually paid" to our Non-PEO NEOs (Ms. Maguire, and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2022 and Ms. Maguire and Ms. Carver and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2021), decreased. The "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and the average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs was higher in 2021 than in 2022 primarily due to the Exchange Transaction the Company successfully completed in 2021, which increased the Company's share price during 2021 resulting in an increase in the fair value of awards, both granted in 2021 and in prior years. The "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and the average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs was lower in 2023 than in 2022, primarily due to the impact of our share price decline in 2023, which resulted in lower fair values of outstanding awards at year end 2023, and due to certain performance-based grants no longer being considered probable of vesting.



#### Description of Relationship Between NEO Compensation and Adjusted EBITDA.

As reflected in the table above, Adjusted EBITDA for the Company increased from the beginning of fiscal year 2021 to the end of fiscal year 2022 and decreased over fiscal year 2023. During the same period, "compensation actually paid" to our PEO (Mr. Behrman), and average "compensation actually paid" to our Non-PEO NEOs (Ms. Maguire, and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2022 and 2023 and Ms. Maguire and Ms. Carver and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2021), decreased. The "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and the average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs was higher in 2021 than in 2022 primarily due to the Exchange Transaction the Company successfully completed in 2021, which increased the Company's share price during 2021 resulting in an increase in the fair value of awards, both granted in 2021 and in prior years. The "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and the average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs was lower in 2023 than in 2022, primarily due to the impact of our share price decline in 2023, which resulted in lower fair values of outstanding awards at year end 2023, and due to certain performance-based grants no longer being considered probable of vesting.



#### Description of Relationship Between NEO Compensation and Total Shareholder Return.

As reflected in the table above, our Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") increased from the beginning of fiscal year 2021 to the end of fiscal year 2022 and then decreased to the end of fiscal year 2023. During the same period, "compensation actually paid" to our PEO (Mr. Behrman), and average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs, decreased. The "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and the average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs (Ms. Maguire, and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2022 and 2023 and Ms. Maguire and Ms. Carver and Messrs. Foster, Burns and Renwick for 2021) was higher in 2021 than in 2022 primarily due to the Exchange Transaction the Company successfully completed in 2021, which increased the Company's share price during 2021 resulting in an increase in the fair value of awards, both granted in 2021 and in prior years. The "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and the average "compensation actually paid" to our non-PEO NEOs was lower in 2023 than in 2022, primarily due to the impact of our share price decline in 2023, which resulted in lower fair values of outstanding awards at year end 2023, and due certain performance-based grants no longer being considered probable of vesting. The Compensation Committee considers the Company's stock performance as one of several factors to be considered in setting the compensation of our PEO and our non-PEO NEOs. Because a significant portion of the PEO's and non-PEO NEOs' compensation is stock-based, the Compensation Committee anticipates that the "compensation actually paid" to such officers will vary with changes in the price of our common stock.

#### Most Important Financial Performance Measures

Our Compensation Committee selects performance metrics for our short-term and long-term incentive plans that align NEO interests with those of our shareholders. See "Executive Compensation — Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Compensation Framework" for the definition of these metrics and further explanation of how our compensation metrics in our short-term and long-term incentive plans tie to our business strategy.

Below in an unranked order are the most important financial performance measures used for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Metric	Alignment				
Adjusted EBITDA	Adjusted EBITDA is a cornerstone of our short-term (annual) incentive plan. It is the primary metric by which we measure our profitability and by which investors measure our performance.				
Total Shareholder Return	Certain performance-based equity awards under our long-term incentive plan, which are measured and vest over a three-year period, are based on absolute total shareholder return (awards granted in 2023) or relative total shareholder return (awards granted in 2023).				
Environmental, Health & Safety	We utilize an internal environmental, health and safety metric which incorporates the number of injuries, safety incidents and reportable environmental events as a component of our short-term incentive plan (see page 49).				

### **Director Stock Ownership Guidelines**

On April 26, 2017, the Board unanimously adopted the LSB Industries, Inc. stock ownership guidelines. The stock ownership guidelines require each non-employee director (other than Mr. Bobb and Ms. Kitamura) to own shares of our common stock having an aggregate value of at least \$310,000 (two times the non-employee director retainer) by the later of (i) five years following the effective date of the guidelines (April 26, 2022) or (ii) the fifth anniversary of a director's election to the Board. The value of the director's holdings is calculated using the higher of the actual cost of a director's holdings when purchased or the market value of the holdings.

As of December 31, 2023, each of Messrs. Golsen, Roedel, Sanders, White and Ms. Peninger are in compliance with the stock ownership guidelines and exceeds the minimum stock ownership level under the director stock ownership guidelines. Mr. Packebush has until May 2025 to meet the director stock ownership guidelines.

# **Director Compensation**

### 2023 Director Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the compensation earned by our non-employee directors who served on the Board during 2023.

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash <sup>(2)</sup>	Stock Awards <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	All Other Compensation	Total
Jonathan S. Bobb	\$ 192,500	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 192,500
Barry H. Golsen	\$ 190,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 190,000
Kanna Kitamura	\$ 187,500	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 187,500
Steven L. Packebush	\$ 85,000	\$ 105,001	\$ —	\$ 190,001
Diana M. Peninger	\$ 87,500	\$ 105,001	\$ —	\$ 192,501
Richard W. Roedel <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 152,500	\$ 105,001	\$ —	\$ 257,501
Richard S. Sanders	\$ 85,000	\$ 105,001	\$ —	\$ 190,001
Lynn F. White	\$ 95,000	\$ 105,001	\$ —	\$ 200,001

- (1) Directors who were also employees at the time of service, such as Mr. Behrman, receive no additional compensation for their services on our Board and are not included in this table. The 2023 compensation received by Mr. Behrman is shown in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) Director fees for Mr. Bobb and Ms. Kitamura are paid to Eldridge Business Services LLC. Because the 2016 LTIP does not allow payment in shares to corporate entities, Mr. Bobb and Ms. Kitamura received an additional cash grant in the amount of \$105,001 in lieu of the grant of restricted stock units as determined by the Compensation Committee. Due to his significant stock holdings in the Company, the Board agreed to exempt Mr. B. Golsen from receiving a portion of his director fees in the form of restricted stock units and his director fees were paid entirely in cash. Mr. Roedel elected to defer his cash compensation and receive deferred stock units in lieu of his cash grant during 2023.
- (3) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the restricted stock units granted to our directors on May 11, 2023, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, determined without regard to forfeitures, which was \$9.08 for the restricted stock units granted on May 11, 2023. This amount does not reflect the actual value that may be recognized by the directors. As

- of December 31, 2023, Messrs. Packebush held 33,050 restricted stock units, Ms. Peninger held 37,228 restricted stock units, Mr. Roedel held 98,287 restricted stock units, Mr. Sanders held 176,907 restricted stock units and Mr. White held 205,653 restricted stock units.
- (4) Mr. Roedel elected to receive the entirety of his director fees in restricted stock units. The quarterly cash payments were deferred until December 18, 2023 at which time they were exchanged for an equal amount of deferred restricted stock units at a price of \$9.20.

Our Non-Employee Director Compensation and Stock Ownership Policy (as amended and restated, the "Director Policy") provides for:

- An annual cash fee equal to \$70,000;
- An annual grant of restricted stock units with a grant date fair market value of approximately \$105,000, which will be settled upon the first anniversary of the grant date, except to the extent the Compensation Committee determines to pay an additional annual cash fee equal to \$105,000 in lieu of the grant of restricted stock units, as was the case in 2023 for Messrs. Bobb and B. Golsen and Ms. Kitamura;
- An additional annual cash fee equal to \$10,000 for members of the Audit Committee and an additional \$20,000 for the Chair of the Audit Committee;
- An additional annual cash fee equal to \$7,500 for members of the Compensation Committee and an additional \$15,000 for the Chair of the Compensation Committee;
- An additional annual cash fee equal to \$5,000 for members of the Nominating Committee and an additional \$10,000 for the Chair of the Nominating Committee;
- An additional annual cash fee equal to \$45,000 for the Board's Independent Chair; and
- An additional annual cash fee as determined by the Board for members of any other committee established by the Board.

Cash fees earned under the Director Policy are earned on a calendar-quarter basis and are paid in arrears not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar quarter. Such cash fees are pro-rated to reflect the period of year during which the director was not a member of the Board. Additionally, under the Director Policy, restricted stock units are granted on the first business day following our Annual Meeting of stockholders each year. The number of restricted stock units will be determined by dividing \$105,000 by the closing price of our common stock on the first business day following our Annual Meeting of stockholders.

Certain of our Directors are eligible to participate in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Under the Plan, participants make an election to defer settlement of some or all of the restricted stock units granted or cash compensation earned to a future date. The election must be made before the end of the preceding year that the restricted stock units are granted or cash compensation is earned. Participants choose the amounts to defer and the future settlement date(s) or event(s). Settlement dates can be fixed or contingent on a change in control or separation of service. We established an equity instrument in the form of a Deferred Stock Unit ("DSU") which is a restricted stock unit that settles on a specified deferred payment date as opposed to on the vesting date. Restricted stock units which are elected to be deferred will be classified as DSUs on the grant date. Any cash compensation during the calendar year elected to be deferred will be accrued and accumulated until December 15 of a given year upon which the cash obligation will be exchanged for DSUs, the number of which will be determined by dividing the accrued compensation amount with the market price of LSB's common stock on December 15. This will result in DSUs with a vesting period (for restricted stock units grants) and DSUs which are already vested at the time of the grant (for cash fees).

# Securities Ownership

# Security Ownership of 5% Owners

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of April 1, 2024, held by beneficial owners of 5% or more of each class of our common stock and voting preferred stock.

The amounts and percentage of units beneficially owned are reported on the basis of regulations of the SEC governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under the rules of the SEC, a person is

deemed to be a "beneficial owner" of a security if that person has or shares "voting power," which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or "investment power," which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days of April 1, 2024. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities and a person may be deemed a beneficial owner of securities as to which he has no economic interest. Except as indicated by footnote, the persons named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Title of Class	Amounts of Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>+</sup>
TLB-LSB LLC		15,306,92	
	Common	7 (3	21.2%
Blackrock	Common	5,605,145 ) S	7.8%

- + Because of the requirements of the SEC as to the method of determining the amount of shares an individual or entity may own beneficially, the amount shown for an individual may include shares also considered beneficially owned by others. Any shares of stock which a person does not own, but which he or she has the right to acquire within 60 days of April 1, 2024, are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding stock of the class owned by such person but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of the class owned by any other person.
- (1) We based the information with respect to beneficial ownership on information furnished by the above-named individuals or entities or contained in filings made with the SEC or our records.
- (2) TLB-LSB, LLC, of which Todd L. Boehly is the sole member, beneficially owns 15,263,493 shares, and a limited liability company over which Todd L. Boehly may be deemed to have investment control owns 43,434 shares. The address for TLB-LSB, LLC is 600 Steamboat Road, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.
- (3) Blackrock, Inc. has sole voting power over 5,492,177 shares and dispositive power over 5,605,145 shares and does not have shared voting or shared dispositive power over any shares. The address for BlackRock, Inc. is 50 Hudson Yards, New York, New York 10001.

## Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of each class of our common stock as of April 1, 2024, held by (1) directors and director nominees; (2) each NEO listed in this Proxy Statement; and (3) all current directors and NEOs as a group.

The amounts and percentage of units beneficially owned are reported on the basis of regulations of the SEC governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under the rules of the SEC, a person is deemed to be a "beneficial owner" of a security if that person has or shares "voting power," which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or "investment power," which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days of April 1, 2024. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities and a person may be deemed a beneficial owner of securities as to which he has no economic interest. Except as indicated by footnote, the persons named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Title of Class	Amount of Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>+</sup>
Mark T. Behrman	Common	1,370,635 (2)	1.9%
John P. Burns	Common	120,416	*
Michael J. Foster	Common	367,339 (5)	*
Cheryl A. Maguire	Common	226.749	*
Jonathan S. Bobb	Common	12,611	*
Barry H. Golsen	Common	676,388	*
Kanna Kitamura	Common	— <sub>(8)</sub>	*
Steven L. Packebush	Common	33,050 (8)	*
Diana M. Peninger	Common	37,228 (9) (10)	*
Damien J. Renwick	Common	50,293	*
Richard W. Roedel	Common	98,287 (11)	*
Richard S. Sanders, Jr.	Common	176,907 (12)	*
Lynn F. White	Common	205,653	*
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (14 persons)	Common	3,428,497	4.7%
5% Holders		40	
TLB-LSB LLC		15,306,92 <sup>(14)</sup>	
	Common	7 (15)	21.2%
Blackrock	Common	5,605,145	7.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

- + See footnote "+" to the table under "Security Ownership of Certain 5% Owners."
  - (1) We based the information, with respect to beneficial ownership, on information furnished by each director or officer, contained in filings made with the SEC, or contained in our records.
  - (2) This amount includes shares that Mr. Behrman acquired pursuant to equity award agreements dated (a) December 31, 2015; (b) February 15, 2017; (c) December 29, 2018; (d) December 30, 2018; (e) December 31, 2019; and (f) January 21, 2021, all of which have fully vested; (g) January 25, 2023 time-based restricted stock units, approximately one-third of which have vested, with the remaining two thirds of this grant being excluded from this total as these time based restricted stock units do not have voting or disposition rights until such time vesting has occurred. Mr. Behrman has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (3) This amount includes shares that Mr. Burns acquired pursuant to equity award agreements, dated (a) February 4, 2020; and (b) January 21, 2021, all of which have fully vested; (c) January 25, 2023 time-based restricted stock units, approximately one-third of which have vested, with the remaining two thirds of this grant being excluded from this total as these time based restricted stock units do not have voting or disposition rights until such time vesting has occurred. Mr. Burns has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (4) This amount includes shares that Mr. Foster acquired pursuant to equity award agreements dated (a) January 5, 2016; (b) December 31, 2016; (c) February 15, 2017; (d) December 29, 2018; (e) December 30, 2018; (f) December 31, 2019; and (g) January 21, 2021, all of which have fully vested; (h) January 25, 2023 time-based restricted stock units, approximately one-third of which have vested, with the remaining two thirds of this grant being excluded from this total as these time based restricted stock units do not have voting or disposition rights until such time vesting has occurred. Mr. Foster has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (5) This amount includes shares that Ms. Maguire acquired pursuant to equity award agreements, dated (a) March 4, 2016; (b) October 26, 2016; (c) December 14, 2017; (d) December 30, 2018; (e) December 31, 2019; and (f) January 21, 2021, all of which have fully vested; (g) January 25, 2023 time-based restricted stock units, approximately one-third of which have vested, with the remaining two thirds of this grant being excluded from this total as these time based restricted stock units do not have voting or disposition rights until such time vesting has occurred. Ms. Maguire has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (6) Mr. Bobb has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (7) Mr. B. Golsen has the sole voting and dispositive power over 676,388 shares, which consists of (a) 3,568 shares owned directly by Mr. B. Golsen, (b) 376,640 shares of stock owned of record by a certain trust for the benefit of Mr. B. Golsen, over which Mr. B. Golsen is the trustee, and (c) 296,180 shares held in certain trusts for the benefit of children and grandchildren of Mr. B. Golsen over which Mr. B. Golsen is the trustee.
  - (8) Mr. Packebush has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares
  - (9) Ms. Peninger has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (10) This amount includes shares that Mr. Renwick acquired pursuant to equity award agreements, dated (a) January 21, 2021, which have fully vested; and (b) January 25, 2023 time-based restricted stock units, approximately one-third of which have vested, with the remaining two thirds of this grant being excluded from this total as these time based restricted stock units do not have voting or disposition rights until such time vesting has occurred. Mr. Renwick has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (11) Mr. Roedel has the sole voting and dispositive power over these shares.
  - (12) Mr. Sanders has the sole voting and dispositive voting power over these shares held in a joint trust account with his wife.
  - (13) Mr. White has the sole voting and dispositive voting power over these shares.
  - (14) TLB-LSB, LLC, of which Todd L. Boehly is the sole member, beneficially owns 15,263,493 shares, and a limited liability company over which Todd L. Boehly may be deemed to have investment control owns 43,434 shares. The address of the principal executive offices of the TLB-LSB, LLC is 600 Steamboat Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.
  - (15) Blackrock, Inc. has sole voting power over 5,492,177 shares and dispositive power over 5,605,145 shares and does not have shared voting or shared dispositive power over any shares. The address for BlackRock, Inc. is 50 Hudson Yards, New York, New York 10001.

## Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, officers, and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Company's common stock to file with the SEC reports of holdings and changes in beneficial ownership of the Company's stock. Based solely on a review of copies of the Forms 3, 4 and 5 furnished to us with respect to 2023, or written representations that no Form 5 was required to be filed, we believe that during 2023 all our directors and officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Company's common stock timely filed their required Forms 3, 4, or 5.

# Stockholder Proposals

If you wish to submit proposals to be included in our proxy statement for our 2025 Annual Meeting, proposals must be received at our principal executive offices in writing not later than December 13, 2024. If the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting is changed by more than 30 days from the date of the 2024 Annual Meeting, the deadline for submitting proposals is a reasonable time before we begin to print and mail the proxy materials for our 2025 Annual Meeting. Proposals must satisfy the requirements set forth in Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and as set out in the Bylaws. Proposals should be addressed to our Corporate Secretary, LSB Industries, Inc., 3503 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116.

Other than matters properly brought under Rule 14a-8, the deadline for providing us with timely notice of matters that you otherwise desire to introduce at our next Annual Meeting of stockholders, other than those that will be included in our proxy materials, is not later than December 13, 2024, but not before November 12, 2024; provided that if the date of the Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after May 23, 2025, the notice must be received not later than the 90th day prior to such Annual Meeting, or if later, the 10th day following the date on which the public disclosure of the date of such Annual Meeting was made. The written notice must set forth the information specified in the Bylaws.

If you wish to present a proposal, but you fail to notify us by such deadline, you will not be entitled to present the proposal at the Annual Meeting.

Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in our Bylaws are eligible for election as directors. Nominations of persons for election to the Board may be made at a meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected only (i) by or at the direction of the Board; or (ii) by any stockholder of the Company entitled to vote for the election of directors at the Annual Meeting who complies with the notice procedures set forth in our Bylaws. A director nomination made by a stockholder must be delivered or mailed to and received at our principal executive offices not less than 120 days nor more than 150 days prior to the anniversary date of the 2024 Annual Meeting; provided, however, if the date of the Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after such date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered, or mailed and received not later than the 90th day prior to such Annual Meeting, or if later, the 10th day following the date on which the public disclosure of the date of such Annual Meeting was so made. Pursuant to our Bylaws, the deadline for submitting nominations for directors for our Annual Meeting in 2025 is January 23, 2025, but no nominations may be submitted before December 24, 2024

The Bylaws also provide that a stockholder satisfying the above notice requirements may nominate an independent director for inclusion in our proxy statement, if the additional specified conditions set forth in our Bylaws, are satisfied.

#### **Available Information**

We file or furnish annual, quarterly and current reports and other documents with the SEC under the Exchange Act. The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E, Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0030. Also, the SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents we file with the SEC at **www.sec.gov**.

We also make available free of charge through our Internet website (www.lsbindustries.com) our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. In addition to the reports filed or furnished with the SEC, we publicly disclose material information from time to time in press releases, at Annual Meetings of stockholders, in publicly accessible conferences and investor presentations, and through our website.

A copy of the Company's 2023 Annual Report accompanies this Proxy Statement, which Annual Report includes the Company's 2023 Form 10-K. Copies of exhibits to the Form 10-K are available upon request, but a reasonable copy fee per page will be charged to the requesting stockholder.

One copy of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this Proxy Statement and the Company's 2023 Annual Report will be sent to stockholders who share an address, unless they have notified the Company that they want to continue receiving multiple packages. This practice, known as "householding," is designed to reduce duplicate mailings and save significant printing and postage costs. If you received a householding mailing this year and you would like to have additional copies of this Proxy Statement and the Company's 2023 Annual Report mailed to you or you would like to opt out of this practice for future mailings, the Company will promptly deliver such additional copies to you if you submit your request in writing to the address below. You may also contact the Company in the same manner if you received multiple copies of the materials and would prefer to receive a single copy in the future.

Requests for documents relating to the Company should be directed to:

Director—Communications Department c/o LSB Industries, Inc. 3505 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 500 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116 (405) 235-4546

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you are urged to complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it in the accompanying envelope or follow the instructions provided for voting by phone or via the Internet, if applicable. Prompt response will greatly facilitate arrangements for the Annual Meeting, and your cooperation is appreciated. Stockholders who attend the Annual Meeting may vote their shares personally even though they have sent in their proxy card or voted by phone or the Internet.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 23, 2024

The Company's Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement for the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 are available online at www.proxydocs.com/LXU.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma April ,2024 Michael J. Foster Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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# Appendix A Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement

## AMENDED AND RESTATED SECTION 382 RIGHTS AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 22, 2023

**BETWEEN** 

LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.

**AND** 

COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,

**AS RIGHTS AGENT** 

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#### AMENDED AND RESTATED SECTION 382 RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement (this "Agreement"), dated as of August 22, 2023, is between LSB Industries, Inc. a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a federally chartered trust company, as rights agent (the "Rights Agent").

**WHEREAS**, the Company and the Rights Agent are parties to that certain Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of July 6, 2020 (the "**Original Agreement**");

WHEREAS, the Company and certain of its Subsidiaries (as defined below) have generated certain Tax Attributes (as defined below) for United States federal income tax purposes and the Company therefore desires to avoid an "ownership change" within the meaning of Section 382 of the Code (as defined below), including for purposes of Section 383 of the Code, and to preserve the Company's ability to utilize such Tax Attributes;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") authorized and declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a "Right") for each share of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of the Company outstanding on the Close of Business on July 16, 2020 (the "Record Date") and authorized the issuance of one Right with respect to each additional Common Share (as defined below) issued by the Company between the Record Date and the earliest of (i) the Distribution Date, (ii) the Redemption Date, and (iii) the Final Expiration Date, and additional Common Shares that shall become outstanding after the Distribution Date as provided in Section 22 of this Agreement, each Right initially representing the right to purchase one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share, subject to adjustment, upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors approved the renewal of the Original Agreement on, August 4, 2022, and a majority of the stockholders of the Company ratified the renewal of the Original Agreement on May 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company and the Rights Agent desire to amend and restate the Original Agreement in connection with such renewal to continue the protections afforded to the Company under the Original Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements herein set forth, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

1.1. "Acquiring Person" means any Person (other than an Exempt Person) who or which, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, shall be the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding, but shall not include (i) the Company, (ii) any Subsidiary of the Company, (iii) any employee benefit plan of the Company or of any Subsidiary of the Company, (iv) any entity holding Common Shares for or pursuant to the terms of any such employee benefit plan or (v) any Person who or which, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, as of August 22, 2023, is a Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares

then outstanding (a "Grandfathered Stockholder"); provided, that if a Grandfathered Stockholder becomes, after such time, the Beneficial Owner (other than pursuant to the vesting or exercise of any equity awards issued to a member of the Board of Directors or pursuant to additional grants of any such equity awards to a member of the Board of Directors) of any additional Common Shares (regardless of whether, thereafter or as a result thereof, there is an increase, decrease or no change in the percentage of Common Shares then outstanding Beneficially Owned by such Grandfathered Stockholder) then such Grandfathered Stockholder shall be deemed to be an Acquiring Person unless, upon such acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares, such Person is not the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding; provided, further, that upon the first decrease of a Grandfathered Stockholder's Beneficial Ownership below 4.9%, such Grandfathered Stockholder shall no longer be deemed to be a Grandfathered Stockholder and this clause (v) shall have no further force or effect with respect to such Person. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that after August 22, 2023, any agreement, arrangement or understanding pursuant to which any Grandfathered Stockholder is deemed to be the Beneficial Owner of Common Shares expires, is settled in whole or in part, terminates or no longer confers any benefit to or imposes any obligation on the Grandfathered Stockholder, any direct or indirect replacement, extension or substitution of such agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the same or different Common Shares that confers Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares shall be considered the acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares by the Grandfathered Stockholder and render such Grandfathered Stockholder an Acquiring Person for purposes of this Agreement unless, upon such acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares, such person is not the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Person shall become an Acquiring Person as the result of an acquisition or redemption of Common Shares by the Company which, by reducing the number of shares outstanding, increases the proportionate number of shares Beneficially Owned by such Person to 4.9% (or such other percentage as would otherwise result in such Person becoming an Acquiring Person) or more of the Common Shares then outstanding; *provided*, that if a Person would, but for the provisions of this paragraph, become an Acquiring Person by reason of an acquisition or redemption of Common Shares by the Company and shall, after such share purchases by the Company, become the Beneficial Owner of any additional Common Shares at any time such that the Person is or thereby becomes the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% (or such other percentage as would otherwise result in such Person becoming an Acquiring Person) or more of the Common Shares then outstanding (other than Common Shares acquired solely as a result of corporate action of the Company not caused, directly or indirectly, by such Person), then such Person shall be deemed to be an Acquiring Person.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Board of Directors, with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors who are not, and are not representatives, nominees, Affiliates or Associates of, such Person or an Acquiring Person, determines in good faith that a Person that would otherwise be an Acquiring Person has become such inadvertently (including because (i) such Person was unaware that it beneficially owned a percentage of Common Shares that would otherwise cause such Person to be an Acquiring Person or (ii) such Person was aware of the extent of its Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares but had no actual knowledge of the consequences of such Beneficial Ownership under this Agreement) and without any intention of changing, obtaining or influencing control of the Company, and such Person divests as promptly as practicable a sufficient number of Common Shares so that such Person would no longer be an Acquiring Person, then such Person shall not be deemed to have become an Acquiring Person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if

a bona fide swaps dealer who would otherwise be an Acquiring Person has become so as a result of its actions in the ordinary course of its business that the Board of Directors determines, in its sole discretion, were taken without the intent or effect of evading or assisting any other Person to evade the purposes and intent of this Agreement, or otherwise seeking to control or influence the management or policies of the Company, then, and unless and until the Board of Directors shall otherwise determine, such Person shall not be deemed to be an Acquiring Person.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Person shall become an Acquiring Person solely as a result of an Exempt Transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no regulated investment company under Section 851 of the Code shall be deemed to be an Acquiring Person, unless the Board of Directors determines, in its reasonable discretion, that such regulated investment company is deemed to Beneficially Own more than 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding under the applicable standards of Treasury Regulation 1.382-3(a). In determining whether any regulated investment company is an Acquiring Person, the filing of a statement under Section 13 of the Exchange Act with respect to such regulated investment company shall not be deemed to establish that such regulated investment company has acquired Beneficial Ownership of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding; *provided*, that the Board of Directors shall be entitled to rely upon any such filing unless such regulated investment company provides information and diligence that permits the Board of Directors to conclude, in its reasonable discretion, that such regulated investment company has not acquired Beneficial Ownership of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding pursuant to the standards of Treasury Regulation 1.382-3.

Notwithstanding the definition of Acquiring Person under this Agreement, the Board of Directors may also determine that any Person is an Acquiring Person under this Agreement if such Person becomes the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% (by value) or more of the Common Shares then outstanding (as the term "stock" is defined in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.382-2(a)(3) and 1.382-2T(f)(18)).

- 1.2. "Affiliate" and "Associate" shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b 2 promulgated under the Exchange Act, as in effect on the date of this Agreement.
- 1.3.A Person shall be deemed the "Beneficial Owner" of and shall be deemed to "Beneficially Own," or have "Beneficial Ownership" of, any securities:
- 1.3.1 which such Person actually owns (directly or indirectly) or would be deemed to actually or constructively own pursuant to Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (including any coordinated acquisition of securities by any Persons who have a formal or informal understanding with respect to such acquisition (to the extent that ownership of such securities would be attributed to such Persons under Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder));
- 1.3.2 which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, within the meaning of Rules 13d-3 or 13d-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act, as in effect on the date of this Agreement;

1.3.3 which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates has (i) the right or ability to vote, cause to be voted or control or direct the voting of pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, whether or not in writing; provided, that a Person shall not be deemed the Beneficial Owner of, or to Beneficially Own, any security if the agreement, arrangement or understanding to vote such security (A) arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a public proxy or consent solicitation made pursuant to, and in accordance with, the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act and (B) is not also then reportable on a statement on Schedule 13D under the Exchange Act (or any comparable or successor report) or (ii) the right or the obligation to become the Beneficial Owner (whether such right is exercisable or such obligation is required to be performed immediately or only after the passage of time, the occurrence of conditions, the satisfaction of regulatory requirements or otherwise) pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, whether or not in writing (other than customary agreements with and between underwriters and selling group members with respect to a bona fide public offering of securities), written or otherwise, or upon the exercise of conversion rights, exchange rights, rights (other than the Rights), warrants or options, or otherwise, through conversion of a security, pursuant to the power to revoke a trust, discretionary account or similar arrangement, pursuant to the power to terminate a repurchase or similar so-called "stockborrowing" agreement or arrangement, or pursuant to the automatic termination of a trust, discretionary account or similar arrangement; provided, that a Person shall not be deemed to be the Beneficial Owner of, or to Beneficially Own, (x) securities tendered pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made pursuant to, and in accordance with, the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act until such tendered securities are accepted for purchase or exchange or (y) any shares of the Company's Preferred Stock or Class C Preferred Stock (other than the Preferred Shares);

1.3.4 which are Beneficially Owned (within the meaning of the preceding subsections of this Section 1.3), directly or indirectly, by any other Person with which such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding, whether or not in writing, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of any securities of the Company or cooperating in obtaining, changing, or influencing control of the Company; or

1.3.5 which are the subject of, or the reference securities for, or that underlie, any Derivative Position of such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates, with the number of Common Shares deemed Beneficially Owned in respect of a Derivative Position being the notional or other number of Common Shares in respect of such Derivative Position (without regard to any short or similar position) that is specified in (i) one or more filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission by such Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates or (ii) the documentation evidencing such Derivative Position as the basis upon which the value or settlement amount of such Derivative Position, or the opportunity of the holder of such Derivative Position to profit or share in any profit, is to be calculated in whole or in part (whichever of (i) or (ii) is greater), or if no such number of Common Shares is specified in such filings or documentation (or such documentation is not available to the Board of Directors), as determined by the Board of Directors in its reasonable discretion.

Notwithstanding anything in this definition of Beneficial Owner to the contrary, the phrase "then outstanding," when used with reference to a Person's Beneficial Ownership of securities of the Company, means the number of such securities then issued and outstanding together with the

number of such securities not then actually issued and outstanding which such Person would be deemed to Beneficially Own hereunder.

- 1.4."**Business Day**" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the state of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.
- 1.5. "Close of Business" on any given date means 5:00 p.m., New York time, on such date; *provided*, that if such date is not a Business Day, it means 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the next succeeding Business Day.
  - 1.6. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 1.7."Common Shares" means the shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of the Company. "Common Shares," when used with reference to any Person other than the Company, means the capital stock (or equity interest) with the greatest voting power of such other Person or, if such other Person is a Subsidiary of another Person, the Person or Persons which ultimately control such first-mentioned Person.
  - 1.8. "Common Stock Equivalents" has the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.3(ii)(C).
  - 1.9. "Current Per Share Market Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 11.4.1.
  - 1.10. "Current Value" has the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.3(i)(A).
  - 1.11. "**Derivative**" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.12.
- 1.12. "Derivative Position" shall mean any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or other security, contract right or derivative position or similar right (including any "swap" transaction with respect to any security, other than a broad based market basket or index) (any of the foregoing, a "Derivative"), whether or not presently exercisable, that (i) has an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to the value of the Common Shares or a value determined in whole or in part with reference to, or derived in whole or in part from, the value of the Common Shares and that increases in value as the market price or value of the Common Shares increases or that provides an opportunity, directly or indirectly, to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase in the value of the Common Shares and (ii) is capable of being settled, in whole or in part, through delivery of cash or Common Shares (whether on a required or optional basis, and whether such settlement may occur immediately or only after the passage of time, the occurrence of conditions, the satisfaction of regulatory requirements or otherwise), in each case regardless of whether (A) it conveys any voting rights in such Common Shares to any Person or (B) any Person (including the holder of such Derivative Position) may have entered into other transactions that hedge its economic effect.
  - 1.13. "Distribution Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.
  - 1.14. "Earning Power" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.3.

- 1.15. "Equivalent Preferred Shares" has the meaning set forth in Section 11.2.
- 1.16. "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 1.17. "Exchange Property" has the meaning set forth in Section 24.6.
- 1.18. "Exchange Ratio" has the meaning set forth in Section 24.1.
- 1.19. "Exchange Recipients" has the meaning set forth in Section 24.6.
- 1.20."Exempt Person" means any Person that the Board of Directors determines is exempt from this Agreement, which determination shall be made in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors; *provided*, that no Person shall qualify as an Exempt Person unless such determination is made prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person; *provided*, *further*, that any Person will cease to be an Exempt Person if the Board of Directors makes a contrary determination with respect to such Person regardless of the reason therefor.
- 1.21."Exempt Transaction" means any transaction that the Board of Directors determines is exempt from this Agreement, which determination shall be made in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors; provided, no transaction shall qualify as an Exempt Transaction unless such determination is made prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person.
  - 1.22. "Exemption Request" has the meaning set forth in Section 36.
- 1.23. "Final Expiration Date" means the earliest to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the day following the certification of the voting results of the Company's 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, if at such stockholder meeting a proposal to approve this Agreement has not been passed by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders or any other meeting of stockholders of the Company duly held prior to such meeting, (ii) the date on which the Board of Directors determines in its sole discretion that (x) this Agreement is no longer necessary for the preservation of material valuable Tax Attributes or (y) the Tax Attributes have been fully utilized and may no longer be carried forward and (iii) the Close of Business on August 22, 2026.
  - 1.24. "Grandfathered Stockholder" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1.
  - 1.25."NYSE" means the New York Stock Exchange.
- 1.26."**Person**" means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, business trust, limited liability company, unincorporated association or other entity, and shall include any successor (by merger or otherwise) of such entity.
- 1.27. "**Preferred Shares**" means shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock, no par value, of the Company having such rights and preferences as are set forth in the form of Certificate of Designations set forth as Exhibit A hereto, as the same may be amended from time to time.
  - 1.28. "Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.2.

- 1.29. "Redemption Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 23.2.
- 1.30. "Redemption Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 23.1.
- 1.31. "Requesting Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 36.
- 1.32. "**Right Certificate**" means a certificate evidencing a Right substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto.
  - 1.33. "Spread" has the meaning set forth in Section 11.1.3(i).
- 1.34."Stock Acquisition Date" means the earliest of the date of (i) the public announcement by the Company or an Acquiring Person that an Acquiring Person has become such (which, for purposes of this definition, shall include a statement on Schedule 13D filed pursuant to the Exchange Act) and (ii) the public disclosure of facts by the Company or an Acquiring Person that reveals the existence of an Acquiring Person or indicating that an Acquiring Person has become an Acquiring Person.
- 1.35. "**Subsidiary**" of any Person means any Person of which a majority of the voting power of the voting equity securities or equity interest is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person.
- 1.36. "Summary of Rights" means the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto.
- 1.37."Tax Attributes" means any net operating loss carryovers, capital loss carryovers, general business credit carryovers, Section 163(j) deferred interest carryovers, alternative minimum tax credit carryovers and foreign tax credit carryovers, as well as any loss or deduction (whether actual or prospective) attributable to a "net unrealized built-in loss" within the meaning of Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- 1.38."**Trading Day**" means a day on which the principal national securities exchange on which a security is listed or admitted to trading is open for the transaction of business or, if a security is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, a Business Day.
- 1.39. "**Treasury Regulations**" means final, temporary and proposed regulation of the Department of Treasury under the Code and any successor regulation, including any amendments thereto.
  - 1.40."**Trust**" has the meaning set forth in Section 24.6.

#### Section 2. Appointment of Rights Agent.

2.1The Company hereby appoints the Rights Agent to act as rights agent for the Company in accordance with the express terms and conditions hereof (and no implied terms or conditions), and the Rights Agent hereby accepts such appointment. The Company may from time to time appoint such co-rights agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, upon ten days' prior written notice to the Rights Agent. The Rights Agent shall have no duty to supervise, and shall in no event

be liable for, the acts or omissions of any such co-rights agent. In the event that the Company appoints one or more co-rights agents, the respective duties of the Rights Agent and any co-rights agent shall be as the Company shall reasonably determine, provided that such duties and determination are consistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and that contemporaneously with such appointment, if any, the Company shall notify the Rights Agent in writing thereof.

#### Section 3. Issue of Right Certificates

3.1Until the earlier of (i) the Close of Business on the tenth day after the Stock Acquisition Date (or, in the event that the Board of Directors determines on or before such tenth day to effect an exchange in accordance with Section 24 and determines that a later date is advisable, such later date) and (ii) the Close of Business on the tenth Business Day (or such later date as may be determined by action of the Board of Directors prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person) after the date of the commencement by any Person (other than the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company, any employee benefit plan of the Company or of any Subsidiary of the Company, any entity holding Common Shares for or pursuant to the terms of any such benefit plan or any Exempt Person) of a tender or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in any Person becoming an Acquiring Person (such date being herein referred to as the "Distribution **Date**") (provided, that if such tender or exchange offer is terminated prior to the occurrence of a Distribution Date, then no Distribution Date shall occur as a result of such tender or exchange offer), (A) the Rights will be evidenced by the certificates (or other evidence of book-entry or other uncertificated ownership) for Common Shares registered in the names of the holders thereof (which shall also be deemed to be Right Certificates) and not by separate Right Certificates (provided, that each certificate (or other evidence of book-entry or other uncertificated ownership) representing Common Shares outstanding as of the Close of Business on the Record Date evidencing the Rights shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the terms of this Agreement, as amended from time to time), and (B) the right to receive Right Certificates will be transferable only in connection with the transfer of Common Shares. As soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, the Company will prepare and execute, the Rights Agent will countersign, and the Company will send or cause to be sent (and the Rights Agent will, if requested, at the expense of the Company and upon receipt of all relevant information, send) by first-class, postage-prepaid mail, to each record holder of Common Shares as of the Distribution Date (other than any Acquiring Person or any Associate or Affiliate of any Acquiring Person), at the address of such holder shown on the records of the Company, a Right Certificate, substantially in the form of **Exhibit B** hereto, evidencing one Right for each Common Share so held, subject to adjustment as provided herein; provided, that the Rights may instead be recorded in book-entry or other uncertificated form, in which case such book-entries or other evidence of ownership shall be deemed to be Right Certificates for all purposes of this Agreement; provided, further, that all procedures relating to actions to be taken or information to be provided with respect to such Rights recorded in book-entry or other uncertificated forms, and all requirements with respect to the form of any Right Certificate set forth in this Agreement, may be modified as necessary or appropriate to reflect book-entry or other uncertificated ownership. As of the Distribution Date, the Rights will be evidenced solely by such Right Certificates.

3.2As soon as practicable after the Record Date, the Company will make available a copy of the Summary of Rights to any holder of Rights who may request it prior to the Final Expiration Date. The Company shall provide the Rights Agent with written notice of the occurrence

of the Final Expiration Date and the Rights Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge of the occurrence of the Final Expiration Date, unless and until it shall have received such written notice.

3.3Certificates for Common Shares which become outstanding (including reacquired Common Shares referred to in the last sentence of this Section 3.3) after the Record Date but prior to the earliest of (i) the Distribution Date, (ii) the Redemption Date, and (iii) the Final Expiration Date shall have impressed on, printed on, written on or otherwise affixed to them a legend in substantially the following form:

This certificate also evidences and entitles the holder hereof to certain Rights (as defined in the Rights Agreement) as set forth in an Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement between LSB Industries, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent (or any successor rights agent), dated as of August 22, 2023, as it may from time to time be amended or supplemented pursuant to its terms (the "Rights Agreement"), the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference and a copy of which is on file at the principal executive offices of LSB Industries, Inc. and the office or offices of Computershare Trust Company, N.A. designated for such purpose. The Rights are not exercisable prior to the occurrence of certain events specified in the Rights Agreement. Under certain circumstances, as set forth in the Rights Agreement, such Rights will be evidenced separately and will no longer be evidenced by this certificate. LSB Industries, Inc. will mail to the holder of this certificate a copy of the Rights Agreement without charge after receipt of a written request therefor. Under certain circumstances, Rights that are or were acquired or Beneficially Owned by an Acquiring Person (or an Affiliate or Associate of an Acquiring Person (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement)), including such Rights held by a subsequent holder, may become null and void.

Notwithstanding this Section 3.3, the omission of a legend shall not affect the enforceability of any part of this Agreement or the rights of any holder of the Rights. If the Company purchases or acquires any Common Shares after the Record Date but prior to the Distribution Date, any Rights associated with such Common Shares shall be deemed canceled and retired so that the Company shall not be entitled to exercise any Rights associated with the Common Shares which are no longer outstanding. Rights shall be issued in respect of all Common Shares issued or disposed of (including upon issuance or reissuance of Common Shares out of authorized but unissued shares) after the Record Date but prior to the earliest of the Distribution Date, the Redemption Date, and the Final Expiration Date, or in certain circumstances provided in Section 22 hereof, after the Distribution Date.

#### Section 4. Form of Right Certificates.

Right Certificates (and the forms of election to purchase Preferred Shares and of assignment to be printed on the reverse thereof) shall be substantially the same as **Exhibit B** hereto and may have such marks of identification or designation and such legends, summaries or endorsements printed thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement (but which do not affect the rights, duties, liabilities or responsibilities of the Rights Agent), or as may be required to comply with any applicable law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which the Rights may from time to time be listed, or to conform to usage. Subject to the other provisions of this Agreement, the Right Certificates shall entitle the holders thereof to purchase such number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share as shall be set forth therein at the Purchase Price.

but the amount and type of securities purchasable upon exercise and the Purchase Price shall be subject to adjustment as provided herein.

#### Section 5. Countersignature and Registration.

5.1Right Certificates shall be duly executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board of Directors, its Chief Executive Officer, its President or any of its Vice Presidents, either manually or by facsimile signature, and shall be attested by the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the Company, either manually or by facsimile signature or by other customary means of electronic transmission. Upon written request by the Company, the Right Certificates shall be countersigned by the Rights Agent, either manually or by facsimile signature or by other customary means of electronic transmission, by an authorized signatory of the Rights Agent, but it shall not be necessary for the same signatory to countersign all of the Right Certificates hereunder. No Right Certificate shall be valid for any purpose unless so countersigned, either manually or by facsimile or by other customary means of electronic transmission. If any officer of the Company who shall have signed any of the Right Certificates shall cease to be such officer of the Company before countersignature by the Rights Agent and issuance and delivery by the Company, such Right Certificates nevertheless may be countersigned by the Rights Agent and issued and delivered by the Company with the same force and effect as though the Person that signed such Right Certificates had not ceased to be such officer of the Company. Any Right Certificate may be signed on behalf of the Company by any Person that, at the actual date of the execution of such Right Certificate, is a proper officer of the Company to sign such Right Certificate, even if at the date of the execution of this Agreement such Person was not such an officer.

Following the Distribution Date, and receipt by the Rights Agent of written notice to that effect and all other relevant information referred to in this Agreement, the Rights Agent will keep or cause to be kept, at its office or offices designated for such purpose, books for registration of the transfer of the Right Certificates issued hereunder. Such books shall show the names and addresses of the respective holders of the Right Certificates, the number of Rights evidenced on its face by each of the Right Certificates, and the date of each of the Right Certificates.

Section 6. <u>Transfer, Split-up, Combination and Exchange of Right Certificates; Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Right Certificates.</u>

6.1Subject to the provisions of Section 14, at any time after the Distribution Date, and prior to the earlier of the Redemption Date and the Final Expiration Date, any Right Certificate (other than a Right Certificate representing Rights that have become null and void pursuant to Section 11.1.2 or that have been exchanged pursuant to Section 24) may be transferred, split up, combined or exchanged for another Right Certificate, entitling the registered holder to purchase a like number of Preferred Shares as the Right Certificate surrendered then entitled such holder to purchase. Any registered holder desiring to transfer, split up, combine or exchange any Right Certificate shall make such request in writing delivered to the Rights Agent, and shall surrender (together with any required form of assignment and certificate duly executed and properly completed) the Right Certificate to be transferred, split up, combined or exchanged at the office or offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, accompanied by a signature guarantee from an eligible guarantor institution participating in a signature guarantee program approved by the Securities Transfer Association (a "Signature Guarantee"), and such other documentation as the Rights Agent may reasonably request.

Neither the Rights Agent nor the Company shall be obligated to take any action whatsoever with respect to the transfer of any such surrendered Right Certificate until the registered holder shall have properly completed and duly executed the certificate contained in the form of assignment on the reverse side of such Right Certificate and shall have provided such additional evidence of the identity of the Beneficial Owner (or former Beneficial Owner) of the Rights represented by such Right Certificate or the Affiliates or Associates thereof, or of any other Person with which such Beneficial Owner or any of such Beneficial Owner's Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing) for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of any securities of the Company, as the Company or the Rights Agent shall reasonably request. Thereupon, the Rights Agent shall countersign and deliver to the Person entitled thereto a Right Certificate or Right Certificates, as the case may be, as so requested. The Company or the Rights Agent may require payment from the holders of the Right Certificates of a sum sufficient for any tax or governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer, split-up, combination or exchange of Right Certificates. The Rights Agent shall not have any duty or obligation to take any action under any section of this Agreement that requires the payment of taxes and/or charges unless and until it is satisfied that all such payments have been made.

6.2Upon receipt by the Company and the Rights Agent of evidence reasonably satisfactory to them of the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of a Right Certificate (other than any Right Certificate representing Rights that have become null and void pursuant to Section 11.1.2, that have been redeemed pursuant to Section 23 or that have been exchanged pursuant to Section 24), the identity of the Beneficial Owner (or former Beneficial Owner) of the Rights represented by such Right Certificate or the Affiliates or Associates thereof, or of any other Person with which such Beneficial Owner or any of such Beneficial Owner's Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing) for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of any securities of the Company, as the Company or the Rights Agent shall request (including a Signature Guarantee and such other documentation as the Rights Agent may reasonably request) and, in case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity or security satisfactory to them, and, at the Company's or the Rights Agent's request, reimbursement to the Company and the Rights Agent of all reasonable expenses incidental thereto, and, in case of mutilation, upon surrender to the Rights Agent and cancellation of the Right Certificate, the Company will make and deliver a new Right Certificate of like tenor to the Rights Agent for countersignature and delivery to the registered holder in lieu of the Right Certificate so lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated.

#### Section 7. Exercise of Rights; Purchase Price; Expiration Date of Rights

7.1The registered holder of any Right Certificate (other than a holder whose Rights have become void pursuant to Section 11.1.2, have been redeemed pursuant to Section 23 or have been exchanged pursuant to Section 24) may exercise the Rights evidenced thereby in whole or in part at any time after the Distribution Date upon surrender of the Right Certificate, with the appropriate form of election to purchase on the reverse side thereof properly completed and duly executed, to the Rights Agent at the offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, accompanied by a Signature Guarantee and such other documentation as the Rights Agent may reasonably request, together with payment of the Purchase Price multiplied by the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share for which a Right that is exercised is then exercisable and an amount equal to any applicable transfer tax or charges required to be paid pursuant to Section 9, prior to the earliest of (i)

the Final Expiration Date, (ii) the time at which the Rights are redeemed pursuant to Section 23, and (iii) the time at which the Rights are exchanged pursuant to Section 24.

7.2The purchase price to be paid upon the exercise of each Right to purchase one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share represented by a Right shall initially be \$10.00 (the "**Purchase Price**") and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America in accordance with Section 7.3. Each Right shall initially entitle the holder to acquire one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share upon exercise of the Right. The Purchase Price and the number of Preferred Shares or other securities for which a Right is exercisable shall be subject to adjustment from time to time as provided in Sections 11 and 13.

7.3Upon receipt of a Right Certificate representing exercisable Rights, with the form of election to purchase and certificate properly completed and duly executed, accompanied by payment of the Purchase Price for the number of Rights exercised and an amount equal to any applicable transfer tax required to be paid by the holder of such Right Certificate in accordance with Section 9 by cash, certified check, cashier's check or money order payable to the order of the Company, the Rights Agent shall thereupon promptly: (i)(A) requisition from any transfer agent of the Preferred Shares (or from the Company if there shall be no such transfer agent, or make available, if the Rights Agent is the transfer agent) certificates for the number of Preferred Shares to be purchased, and the Company hereby irrevocably authorizes its transfer agent to comply with all such requests, or (B) requisition from any depositary agent for the Preferred Shares depositary receipts representing such number of Preferred Shares as are to be purchased (in which case certificates for the Preferred Shares represented by such receipts shall be deposited by the transfer agent with the depositary agent), and the Company hereby directs any such depositary agent to comply with such request; (ii) when necessary to comply with this Agreement, requisition from the Company the amount of cash to be paid in lieu of issuance of fractional Preferred Shares in accordance with Section 14 or Section 24; (iii) after receipt of such certificates or depositary receipts, cause the same to be delivered to or upon the order of the registered holder of such Right Certificate, registered in such name or names as may be designated in writing by such holder; and (iv) when necessary to comply with this Agreement, after receipt, deliver such cash to or upon the order of the registered holder of such Right Certificate. In the event that the Company is obligated to issue other securities of the Company, pay cash and/or distribute other property pursuant to this Agreement, the Company will make all arrangements necessary so that such other securities, cash and/or other property are available for distribution by the Rights Agent, if and when necessary to comply with this Agreement, and until so received, the Rights Agent shall have no duties or obligations with respect to such securities, cash and/or other assets.

7.4If the registered holder of any Right Certificate shall exercise less than all the Rights evidenced thereby, a new Right Certificate evidencing Rights equivalent to the Rights remaining unexercised shall be issued by the Rights Agent and delivered to the registered holder of such Right Certificate or to such holder's duly authorized assigns, subject to the provisions of Section 14.

7.5Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or the Right Certificate to the contrary, neither the Rights Agent nor the Company shall be obligated to undertake any action with respect to a registered holder of Rights or other securities of the Company upon the occurrence of any purported transfer or exercise as set forth in this Section 7 unless such registered holder shall have (i)

properly completed and duly executed the certificate contained in the appropriate form of election to purchase set forth on the reverse side of the Right Certificate surrendered for such exercise and (ii) provided such additional evidence of the identity of the Beneficial Owner (or former Beneficial Owner) or Affiliates or Associates thereof, as the Company and the Rights Agent shall reasonably request.

#### Section 8. Cancellation and Destruction of Right Certificates.

8.1All Right Certificates surrendered for the purpose of exercise, transfer, split-up, combination or exchange shall, if surrendered to the Company or to any of its agents (other than the Rights Agent), be delivered to the Rights Agent for cancellation or in canceled form, or, if surrendered to the Rights Agent, shall be canceled by it, and no Right Certificates shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly permitted by any of the provisions of this Agreement. The Company shall deliver to the Rights Agent for cancellation and retirement, and the Rights Agent shall so cancel and retire, any other Right Certificate purchased or acquired by the Company otherwise than upon the exercise thereof. At the expense of the Company, the Rights Agent shall deliver all canceled Right Certificates which have been canceled by the Rights Agent to the Company, or shall, at the written request of the Company, destroy such canceled Right Certificates, and in such case shall deliver a certificate of destruction thereof to the Company.

#### Section 9. Status and Availability of Preferred Shares.

- 9.1The Company covenants and agrees that it will cause to be reserved and kept available, out of its authorized and unissued Preferred Shares or any Preferred Shares held in its treasury, the number of Preferred Shares that will be sufficient to permit the exercise in full of all outstanding Rights in accordance with Section 7.
- 9.2The Company covenants and agrees that it will take all such action as may be necessary to ensure that all Preferred Shares delivered upon exercise of Rights shall, at the time of delivery of the certificates (or entry in the book-entry account system of the Company) for such Preferred Shares (subject to payment of the Purchase Price and compliance with all other applicable provisions of this Agreement), be duly and validly authorized and issued and fully paid and non-assessable shares.
- 9.3The Company further covenants and agrees that it will pay when due and payable any and all federal and state transfer taxes and charges which may be payable in respect of the issuance or delivery of the Right Certificates or of any Preferred Shares upon the exercise of Rights. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any transfer tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer or delivery of Right Certificates to a Person other than, or the issuance or delivery of certificates or depositary receipts for the Preferred Shares in a name other than that of, the registered holder of the Right Certificate evidencing Rights surrendered for exercise, and shall not be required to issue or to deliver any certificates or depositary receipts for Preferred Shares upon the exercise of any Rights until any such tax or charge shall have been paid (any such tax or charge being payable by the holder of such Right Certificate at the time of surrender) or until it has been established to the Company's and the Rights Agent's reasonable satisfaction that no such tax is due.

#### Section 10. Preferred Shares Record Date

10.1Each Person in whose name any certificate (or entry in the book-entry account system of the Company) for Preferred Shares is issued upon the exercise of Rights shall for all purposes be deemed to have become the holder of record of the Preferred Shares represented thereby on, and such certificate or book-entry shall be dated, the date upon which the Right Certificate evidencing such Rights was duly surrendered and payment of the Purchase Price (and any applicable transfer taxes) was made; *provided*, that, if the date of such surrender and payment is a date upon which the Preferred Shares transfer books of the Company are closed, such Person shall be deemed to have become the record holder of such shares on, and such certificate shall be dated, the next succeeding Business Day on which the Preferred Shares transfer books of the Company are open. Prior to the exercise of the Rights evidenced thereby, the holder of a Right Certificate shall not be entitled to any rights of a holder of Preferred Shares for which the Rights shall be exercisable, including the right to vote, to receive dividends or other distributions, or to exercise any preemptive rights, and shall not be entitled to receive any notice of any proceedings of the Company, except as provided herein.

Section 11. Adjustment of Purchase Price, Number of Shares or Number of Rights.

#### 11.1General.

11.1.1In the event that the Company shall at any time after the date of this Agreement (i) declare a dividend on the Preferred Shares payable in Preferred Shares, (ii) subdivide the outstanding Preferred Shares, (iii) combine the outstanding Preferred Shares into a smaller number of Preferred Shares or (iv) issue any shares of its capital stock in a reclassification of the Preferred Shares (including any such reclassification in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing or surviving Person), except as otherwise provided in this Section 11.1, the Purchase Price in effect at the time of the record date for such dividend or of the effective date of such subdivision, combination or reclassification, and the number and kind of shares of capital stock issuable on such date, shall be proportionately adjusted so that the holder of any Right exercised after such time shall be entitled to receive the aggregate number and kind of shares of capital stock which, if such Right had been exercised immediately prior to such date, the holder would have owned upon such exercise and been entitled to receive by virtue of such dividend, subdivision, combination or reclassification; provided, that in no event shall the consideration to be paid upon the exercise of one Right be less than the aggregate par value of the Preferred Shares issuable upon exercise of one Right. If an event occurs that would require an adjustment under both this Section 11.1.1 and Section 11.1.2 hereof, the adjustment provided for in this Section 11.1.1 shall be in addition to, and shall be made prior to, the adjustment required pursuant to Section 11.1.2 hereof.

11.1.2Subject to the second paragraph of this Section 11.1.2 and to Section 24, from and after the Stock Acquisition Date, each holder of a Right shall have a right to receive, upon exercise of each Right at a price equal to the then current Purchase Price multiplied by the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share for which a Right is then exercisable, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and in lieu of Preferred Shares, such number of Common Shares as shall equal the result obtained by dividing (A) the product of (x) the current Purchase Price and (y) the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share for which a Right is then exercisable

by (B) 50% of the then Current Per Share Market Price of the Company's Common Shares (determined pursuant to Section 11.4) on the Stock Acquisition Date.

From and after the Stock Acquisition Date, any Rights that are or were acquired or Beneficially Owned by (i) an Acquiring Person (or any Associate or Affiliate of such Acquiring Person), (ii) a transferee of any Acquiring Person (or of any such Associate or Affiliate) who becomes such a transferee after the Acquiring Person becomes an Acquiring Person or (iii) a transferee of an Acquiring Person (or of any such Associate or Affiliate) who becomes such a transferee prior to or concurrently with the Acquiring Person becoming an Acquiring Person and who receives such Rights (A) with actual knowledge that the transferor is or was an Acquiring Person or (B) pursuant to either (x) a transfer (whether or not for consideration) from the Acquiring Person (or any such Associate or Affiliate) to holders of equity interests in such Acquiring Person (or any such Associate or Affiliate) or to any Person with whom the Acquiring Person (or such Associate or Affiliate) has any continuing agreement, arrangement, understanding or relationship (whether or not in writing) regarding the transferred Rights or (y) a transfer which the Board of Directors has determined is part of a plan, arrangement or understanding (whether or not in writing) which has as a primary purpose or effect of the avoidance of this Section 11.1.2, (each such Person described in (i)-(iii) above, an "Excluded Person") shall, in each such case, be null and void, and any holder of such Rights (whether or not such holder is an Acquiring Person or an Associate or Affiliate of an Acquiring Person) shall thereafter have no right to exercise such Rights under any provision of this Agreement. No Right Certificates shall be issued pursuant to Sections 3, 6, 7.4 or 11 or otherwise hereof that represents Rights that are or have become null and void pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph and any Right Certificate delivered to the Rights Agent that represents Rights that are or have become null and void pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall, upon receipt of written notice directing it to do so, be canceled by the Rights Agent.

11.1.3If there are not sufficient authorized but unissued Common Shares to permit the exercise in full of the Rights in accordance with Section 11.1.2 or the exchange of the Rights in accordance with Section 24, or should the Board of Directors so elect, the Company may with respect to such deficiency, (i) determine the excess (the "Spread") of (A) the value of the Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of a Right as provided in Section 11.1.2 (the "Current Value") over (B) the Purchase Price, and (ii) with respect to each Right, make adequate provision to substitute for such Common Shares, upon payment of the applicable Purchase Price, any one or more of the following having an aggregate value determined by the Board of Directors to be equal to the Current Value: (A) cash, (B) a reduction in the Purchase Price, (C) Common Shares or other equity securities of the Company (including shares, or units of shares, of preferred stock which the Board of Directors has determined to have the same value as Common Shares ("Common Stock Equivalents")), (D) debt securities of the Company or (E) other assets, property or instruments. The Company shall provide the Rights Agent with prompt reasonably detailed written notice of any final determination under the previous sentence.

If the Board of Directors shall determine in good faith that additional Common Shares should be authorized for issuance upon exercise in full of the Rights, the Company may suspend the exercisability of the Rights in order to seek any authorization of additional shares, decide the appropriate form of distribution to be made and determine the value thereof. If the exercisability of the Rights is suspended pursuant to this Section 11.1.3, the Company shall make a public announcement, and shall promptly deliver to the Rights Agent a statement, stating that the

exercisability of the Rights has been temporarily suspended. When the suspension is no longer in effect, the Company shall make another public announcement, and promptly deliver to the Rights Agent a statement, so stating. For purposes of this Section 11.1.3, the value of the Common Shares shall be the Current Per Share Market Price of the Common Shares (as determined pursuant to Section 11.4.1) as of the Stock Acquisition Date, and the value of any Common Stock Equivalent shall be deemed to have the same value as the Common Shares on such date.

11.2If the Company fixes a record date for the issuance of rights, options or warrants to all holders of Preferred Shares entitling them (for a period expiring within 45 days after such record date) to subscribe for or purchase Preferred Shares (or shares having the same rights, privileges and preferences as the Preferred Shares ("Equivalent Preferred Shares")) or securities convertible into Preferred Shares or Equivalent Preferred Shares at a price per Preferred Share or Equivalent Preferred Share (or having a conversion price per share, if a security convertible into Preferred Shares or Equivalent Preferred Shares) less than the then Current Per Share Market Price of the Preferred Shares (as determined pursuant to Section 11.4.2) on such record date, the Purchase Price to be in effect after such record date shall be adjusted by multiplying the Purchase Price in effect immediately prior to such record date by a fraction, (i) the numerator of which shall be (A) the number of Preferred Shares outstanding on such record date plus (B) the number of Preferred Shares which the aggregate offering price of the total number of Preferred Shares or Equivalent Preferred Shares to be offered (or the aggregate initial conversion price of the convertible securities to be offered) would purchase at such Current Per Share Market Price and (ii) the denominator of which shall be (A) the number of Preferred Shares outstanding on such record date plus (B) the number of additional Preferred Shares or Equivalent Preferred Shares to be offered for subscription or purchase (or into which the convertible securities to be offered are initially convertible); provided, that in no event shall the consideration to be paid upon the exercise of one Right be less than the aggregate par value of the shares of capital stock of the Company issuable upon exercise of one Right. If such subscription price may be paid in a consideration part or all of which shall be in a form other than cash, the value of such consideration shall be as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be described in a statement filed with the Rights Agent, which shall be conclusive for all purposes. Preferred Shares owned by or held for the account of the Company shall not be deemed outstanding for the purpose of any such computation. Such adjustment shall be made successively whenever such a record date is fixed. If such rights, options or warrants are not so issued, the Purchase Price shall be adjusted to be the Purchase Price that would then be in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

11.3If the Company fixes a record date for the making of a distribution to all holders of the Preferred Shares (including any distribution made in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing or surviving Person) or evidences of indebtedness or assets (other than a regular quarterly cash dividend or a dividend payable in Preferred Shares) or subscription rights or warrants (excluding those referred to in Section 11.2), the Purchase Price to be in effect after such record date shall be determined by multiplying the Purchase Price in effect immediately prior to such record date by a fraction, (i) the numerator of which shall be the then Current Per Share Market Price of the Preferred Shares on such record date, less the fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be described in a statement filed with the Rights Agent and which shall be conclusive for all purposes) of the portion of the assets or evidences of indebtedness to be distributed or of such subscription rights or warrants applicable to one Preferred Share and (ii) the denominator of which shall be the then Current Per Share Market Price of the Preferred Shares; *provided*, that in no event shall the consideration to be paid upon the exercise of one

Right be less than the aggregate par value of the Preferred Shares to be issued upon exercise of one Right. Such adjustments shall be made successively whenever such a record date is fixed. If such distribution is not so made, the Purchase Price shall again be adjusted to be the Purchase Price that would then be in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

#### 11.4Current Per Share Market Price.

11.4.1For the purpose of any computation hereunder, the "Current Per Share Market Price" of any security on any date shall be deemed to be the average of the daily closing prices per share of such security for the 30 consecutive Trading Days immediately prior to such date; provided, that if the Current Per Share Market Price of the security is determined during a period (i) following the announcement by the issuer of such security of (A) a dividend or distribution on such security payable in shares of such security or other securities convertible into such shares, or (B) any subdivision, combination or reclassification of such security, and (ii) prior to the expiration of 30 Trading Days after the ex-dividend date for such dividend or distribution, or the record date for such subdivision, combination or reclassification, then, and in each such case, the Current Per Share Market Price shall be appropriately adjusted to reflect the current market price per share equivalent of such security. The closing price for each day shall be the last sale price or, if no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices, in either case as reported by NYSE, or, if on any such date the security is not quoted by NYSE, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by a professional market maker making a market in the security selected by the Board of Directors. If on any such date no such market maker is making a market in the security, the fair value of the security on such date as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors shall be used.

11.4.2For the purpose of any computation hereunder, the "Current Per Share Market Price" of the Preferred Shares shall be determined in accordance with the method set forth in Section 11.4.1. If the Preferred Shares are not publicly traded, the "Current Per Share Market Price" of the Preferred Shares shall be conclusively deemed to be the Current Per Share Market Price of the Common Shares as determined pursuant to Section 11.4.1 (appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date hereof) multiplied by one thousand. If neither the Common Shares nor the Preferred Shares are publicly held or so listed or traded, "Current Per Share Market Price" means the fair value per share as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be described in a statement filed with the Rights Agent and shall be conclusive for all purposes.

11.5No adjustment in the Purchase Price shall be required unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% in the Purchase Price; *provided*, that any adjustments which by reason of this Section 11.5 are not required to be made shall be carried forward and taken into account in any subsequent adjustment. All calculations under this Section 11 shall be made to the nearest cent or to the nearest one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share or one one-thousandth of any other share or security as the case may be. Notwithstanding the first sentence of this Section 11.5, any adjustment required by this Section 11 shall be made no later than three years from the date of the transaction which requires such adjustment.

11.6If, as a result of an adjustment made pursuant to Section 11.1, the holder of any Right thereafter exercised shall become entitled to receive any shares of capital stock of the Company other than Preferred Shares, the number of such other shares so receivable upon exercise of any Right

shall thereafter be subject to adjustment from time to time in a manner and on terms as nearly equivalent as practicable to the provisions with respect to the Preferred Shares contained in Sections 11.1 through 11.3, inclusive, and the provisions of Sections 7, 9, 10 and 13 with respect to the Preferred Shares shall apply on like terms to any such other shares.

11.7All Rights originally issued by the Company subsequent to any adjustment made to the Purchase Price hereunder shall evidence the right to purchase, at the adjusted Purchase Price, the number of Preferred Shares purchasable from time to time hereunder upon exercise of the Rights, all subject to further adjustment as provided herein.

11.8Unless the Company exercises its election as provided in Section 11.9, upon each adjustment of the Purchase Price as a result of the calculations made in Sections 11.2 and 11.3, each Right outstanding immediately prior to the making of such adjustment shall thereafter evidence the right to purchase, at the adjusted Purchase Price, that number of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share (calculated to the nearest one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share) obtained by (i) multiplying the number of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share covered by a Right immediately prior to this adjustment by the Purchase Price in effect immediately prior to such adjustment of the Purchase Price and (ii) dividing the product so obtained by the Purchase Price in effect immediately after such adjustment of the Purchase Price.

11.9The Company may elect on or after the date of any adjustment of the Purchase Price to adjust the number of Rights in substitution for any adjustment in the number of Preferred Shares purchasable upon the exercise of a Right. Each of the Rights outstanding after such adjustment of the number of Rights shall be exercisable for the number of Preferred Shares for which a Right was exercisable immediately prior to such adjustment. Each Right held of record prior to such adjustment of the number of Rights shall become that number of Rights (calculated to the nearest one one-thousandth) obtained by dividing the Purchase Price in effect immediately prior to adjustment of the Purchase Price by the Purchase Price in effect immediately after adjustment of the Purchase Price. The Company shall make a public announcement (with prompt written notice thereof to the Rights Agent) of its election to adjust the number of Rights, indicating the record date for the adjustment and, if known at the time, the amount of the adjustment to be made. The record date may be the date on which the Purchase Price is adjusted or any day thereafter but, if the Right Certificates have been distributed, shall be at least ten days after the date of the public announcement. If Right Certificates have been distributed, upon each adjustment of the number of Rights pursuant to this Section 11.9, the Company shall, as promptly as practicable, cause to be distributed to holders of record of Right Certificates on such record date Right Certificates evidencing, subject to Section 14, the additional Rights to which such holders shall be entitled as a result of such adjustment or, at the option of the Company, shall cause to be distributed to such holders of record in substitution and replacement for the Right Certificates held by such holders prior to the date of adjustment, and upon surrender thereof if required by the Company, new Right Certificates evidencing all the Rights to which such holders shall be entitled after such adjustment. Right Certificates to be so distributed shall be issued, executed and countersigned in the manner provided for herein and shall be registered in the names of the holders of record of Right Certificates on the record date specified in the public announcement.

11.10Irrespective of any adjustment or change in the Purchase Price or the number of Preferred Shares issuable upon the exercise of the Rights, the Right Certificates theretofore and

thereafter issued may continue to express the Purchase Price and the number of Preferred Shares which were expressed in the initial Right Certificates issued hereunder.

- 11.11Before taking any action that would cause an adjustment reducing the Purchase Price below the then par value of the Preferred Shares issuable upon exercise of the Rights, the Company shall take any corporate action which may, in the opinion of its counsel, be necessary in order that the Company may validly and legally issue fully paid and non-assessable Preferred Shares at such adjusted Purchase Price.
- 11.12If this Section 11 requires that an adjustment in the Purchase Price be made effective as of a record date for a specified event, the Company may defer, until the occurrence of such event, issuing to the holder of any Right exercised after such record date Preferred Shares and other capital stock or securities of the Company, if any, issuable upon such exercise over and above the Preferred Shares and other capital stock or securities of the Company, if any, issuable upon such exercise on the basis of the Purchase Price in effect prior to such adjustment; *provided*, that the Company shall deliver to such holder a due bill or other appropriate instrument evidencing such holder's right to receive such additional shares upon the occurrence of the event requiring adjustment.
- 11.13Anything in this Section 11 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall be entitled to make such reductions in the Purchase Price, in addition to those adjustments expressly required by this Section 11, as and to the extent that it in its sole discretion shall determine to be advisable in order that any (i) combination or subdivision of the Preferred Shares, (ii) issuance wholly for cash of any Preferred Shares at less than the Current Per Share Market Price, (iii) issuance wholly for cash of Preferred Shares or securities which by their terms are convertible into or exchangeable for Preferred Shares, (iv) dividends on Preferred Shares payable in Preferred Shares, or (v) issuance of any rights, options or warrants referred to in Section 11.2 made by the Company after the date of this Agreement to holders of its Preferred Shares shall not be taxable to such stockholders.
- 11.14If, at any time after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Distribution Date, the Company (i) declares or pays any dividend on the Common Shares payable in Common Shares or (ii) effects a subdivision, combination or consolidation of the Common Shares (by reclassification or otherwise other than by payment of dividends in Common Shares) into a greater or lesser number of Common Shares, then in any such case (A) the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share purchasable after such event upon exercise of each Right shall be determined by multiplying the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share so purchasable immediately prior to such event by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of Common Shares outstanding immediately before such event and the denominator of which is the number of Common Shares outstanding immediately after such event, and (B) each Common Share outstanding immediately after such event shall have issued with respect to it that number of Rights which each Common Share outstanding immediately prior to such event had issued with respect to it. The adjustments provided for in this Section 11.14 shall be made successively whenever such a dividend is declared or paid or such a subdivision, combination or consolidation is affected.

#### Section 12. Certificate of Adjustment.

12.1Whenever an adjustment or any event affecting the Rights or their exercisability (including an event that causes Rights to become null and void) occurs or is made as provided in

Sections 11 and 13, the Company shall promptly (i) prepare a certificate setting forth such adjustment and a reasonably detailed statement of the facts, computation, methodology and accounting for such adjustment, (ii) promptly file with the Rights Agent and with each transfer agent for the Common Shares or the Preferred Shares a copy of such certificate, and (iii) if such adjustment occurs following a Distribution Date, mail a brief summary thereof to each holder of a Right Certificate in accordance with Section 25. The Rights Agent shall be fully protected in relying on any such certificate and on any adjustment or statement therein contained and shall not be obligated or responsible for calculating any adjustment, nor shall the Rights Agent be deemed to have knowledge of such an adjustment or any such event, unless and until it shall have received such certificate. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, but without limiting any of the rights or immunities of the Rights Agent, the failure of the Company to make such certification or give such notice shall not affect the validity of, or the force or effect of, the requirement for such adjustment. Any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 11 or 13 hereof shall be effective as of the date of the event giving rise to such adjustment. The Rights Agent shall be entitled to rely on any such certificate and on any adjustment or statement therein and shall have no duty or liability with respect thereto, and shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any such adjustment or any such event unless and until it shall have received such certificate.

#### Section 13. Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Transfer of Assets or Earning Power.

13.1If, at any time after a Stock Acquisition Date, (i) the Company consolidates with, or merges with and into, any other Person; (ii) any Person consolidates with the Company, or merges with and into the Company, and the Company is the continuing or surviving Person of such merger and, in connection with such merger, all or part of the Common Shares are or will be changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other Person (or the Company) or cash or any other property: or (iii) the Company sells or otherwise transfers (or one or more of its Subsidiaries sell or otherwise transfer), in one or more transactions, assets or Earning Power aggregating 50% or more of the assets or Earning Power of the Company and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) to any other Person other than the Company or one or more of its wholly owned Subsidiaries, then proper provision shall be made so that (A) each holder of a Right (except as otherwise provided herein) shall have the right to receive, upon the exercise of each Right at a price equal to the then current Purchase Price multiplied by the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share for which a Right is then exercisable, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and in lieu of Preferred Shares, such number of Common Shares of such other Person (including the Company as successor thereto or as the surviving Person) equal to the result obtained by dividing (I) the product of (x) the then current Purchase Price and (y) the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share for which a Right is then exercisable by (II) 50% of the then Current Per Share Market Price of the Common Shares of such other Person (determined pursuant to Section 11.4) on the date of consummation of such consolidation, merger, sale or transfer; (B) the issuer of such Common Shares shall thereafter be liable for, and shall assume, by virtue of such consolidation, merger, sale or transfer, all the obligations and duties of the Company pursuant to this Agreement; (C) the term "Company" shall thereafter be deemed to refer to such issuer; and (D) such issuer shall take steps (including the reservation of a sufficient number of shares of its common stock in accordance with Section 9) in connection with such consummation as may be necessary to ensure that the provisions hereof shall thereafter be applicable in relation to the common stock thereafter deliverable upon the exercise of the Rights.

13.2The Company shall not consummate any such consolidation, merger, sale or transfer unless prior thereto the Company and such issuer shall have executed and delivered to the

Rights Agent a supplemental agreement providing for such issuer's compliance with this Section 13. The Company shall not enter into any transaction of the kind referred to in this Section 13 if, at the time of such transaction, there are any rights, warrants, instruments or securities outstanding or any agreements or arrangements which, as a result of the consummation of such transaction, would eliminate or substantially diminish the benefits intended to be afforded by the Rights. The provisions of this Section 13 shall apply to successive mergers or consolidations or sales or other transfers.

13.3For purposes of this Agreement, the "Earning Power" of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall be determined in good faith by the Company's Board of Directors on the basis of the operating earnings of each business operated by the Company and its Subsidiaries during the three fiscal years preceding the date of such determination (or, in the case of any business not operated by the Company or any Subsidiary during three full fiscal years preceding such date, during the period such business was operated by the Company or any Subsidiary).

#### Section 14. Fractional Rights and Fractional Shares.

14.1The Company shall not be required to issue fractions of Rights or to distribute Right Certificates which evidence fractional Rights. In lieu of such fractional Rights, the Company may instead pay to the registered holders of the Right Certificates with regard to which such fractional Rights would otherwise be issuable an amount in cash equal to the same fraction of the current market value of a whole Right. For the purposes of this Section 14.1, the current market value of a whole Right shall be the closing price of the Rights (as determined pursuant to the second sentence of Section 11.4.1) for the Trading Day immediately prior to the date on which such fractional Rights would have been otherwise issuable.

14.2The Company shall not be required to issue fractions of Preferred Shares (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share) upon exercise of the Rights, to distribute certificates which evidence fractional Preferred Shares or to register fractional Preferred Shares in the Company's share register (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share). Fractions of Preferred Shares in integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts, pursuant to an agreement between the Company and a depositary selected by the Company; provided, that such agreement shall provide that the holders of such depositary receipts shall have all the rights, privileges and preferences to which they are entitled as Beneficial Owners of the Preferred Shares represented by such depositary receipts. In lieu of fractional Preferred Shares that are not integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share, the Company shall pay to each registered holder of Right Certificates at the time such Rights are exercised as herein provided an amount in cash equal to the same fraction of the current market value of one Preferred Share as the fraction of one Preferred Share that such holder would otherwise receive upon the exercise of the aggregate number of rights exercised by such holder. For the purposes of this Section 14.2, the current market value of a Preferred Share shall be the closing price of a Preferred Share (pursuant to Section 11.4.1) for the Trading Day immediately prior to the date of such exercise.

14.3For purposes of this Section 14, the closing price for any day shall be the last quoted price or, if not so quoted, the average of the high bid and low asked prices as reported by NYSE, or if on any such date the Rights or Preferred Shares, as applicable, are not listed on NYSE, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by a professional market maker making

market in the Rights or Preferred Shares, as applicable, selected by the Board of Directors. If on any such date no such market maker is making a market in the Rights or Preferred Shares, as applicable, the fair value of the Rights or Preferred Shares, as applicable, on such date as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors shall be used.

14.4The holder of a Right by the acceptance of the Right expressly waives any right to receive fractional Rights or fractional shares upon exercise of a Right (except as provided in this Section 14).

14.5Whenever a payment for fractional Rights or fractional shares is to be made by the Rights Agent under any section of this Agreement, the Company shall (i) promptly prepare and deliver to the Rights Agent a certificate setting forth in reasonable detail the facts related to such payments and the prices and formulas utilized in calculating such payments, and (ii) provide sufficient monies to the Rights Agent in the form of fully collected funds to make such payments. The Rights Agent shall be fully protected in relying upon such a certificate and shall have no duty with respect to, and shall not be deemed to have knowledge of, any payment for fractional Rights or fractional shares under any section of this Agreement relating to the payment of fractional Rights or fractional shares unless and until the Rights Agent shall have received such a certificate and sufficient monies.

#### Section 15. Rights of Action.

15.1All rights of action in respect of this Agreement, excepting the rights of action given to the Rights Agent under Section 18, are vested in the respective registered holders of the Right Certificates. Any registered holder of any Right Certificate may, without the consent of the Rights Agent or of the holder of any other Right Certificate, on such holder's own behalf and for such holder's own benefit, enforce, and may institute and maintain any suit, action or proceeding against the Company to enforce, or otherwise act in respect of, such holder's right to exercise the Rights evidenced by such Right Certificate in the manner provided in such Right Certificate and in this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing or any remedies available to the holders of Rights, it is specifically acknowledged that the holders of Rights would not have an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the Company and will be entitled to specific performance of the obligations hereunder, and injunctive relief against actual or threatened violations of the obligations hereunder, of the Company.

Section 16.<u>Agreement of Right Holders</u>. Every holder of a Right, by accepting the same, consents and agrees with the Company and the Rights Agent and with every other holder of a Right that:

16.1prior to the Distribution Date, the Rights will be transferable only in connection with the transfer of the Common Shares;

16.2after the Distribution Date, the Right Certificates are transferable only on the registry books maintained by the Rights Agent if surrendered at the office or offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, duly endorsed or accompanied by a proper instrument of transfer with the appropriate form of certification, properly completed and duly executed, accompanied by a Signature Guarantee and such other documentation as the Rights Agent may reasonably request;

16.3the Company and the Rights Agent may deem and treat the Person in whose name the Right Certificate (or, prior to the Distribution Date, the associated Common Shares certificate or, in the case of uncertificated Common Shares, by the book-entry that evidences record ownership of such Common Shares) is registered as the absolute owner thereof and of the Rights evidenced thereby (notwithstanding any notations of ownership or writing on the Right Certificates or the associated Common Shares certificate or book-entry made by anyone other than the Company or the Rights Agent) for all purposes whatsoever, and neither the Company nor the Rights Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary; and

16.4notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, neither the Company nor the Rights Agent shall have any liability to any holder of a Right or other Person as a result of the inability of the Company or the Rights Agent to perform any of its or their obligations under this Agreement by reason of any preliminary or permanent injunction or other order, decree, judgment or ruling issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or commission, or any statute, rule, regulation or executive order promulgated or enacted by any governmental authority prohibiting or otherwise restraining performance of such obligation.

#### Section 17. Right Certificate Holder Not Deemed a Stockholder.

17.1No holder, as such, of any Right Certificate shall be entitled to vote or receive dividends, or be deemed for any purpose the holder of the Preferred Shares or any other securities of the Company that may at any time be issuable on the exercise or exchange of the Rights represented thereby, nor shall anything contained herein or in any Right Certificate be construed to confer upon the holder of any Right Certificate, as such, any of the rights of a stockholder of the Company or any right to vote for the election of directors or upon any matter submitted to stockholders at any meeting thereof, to give or withhold consent to any corporate action, to receive notice of meetings or other actions affecting stockholders (except as provided in Section 25), or to receive dividends or subscription rights, or otherwise, until the Rights evidenced by such Right Certificate shall have been exercised or exchanged in accordance with the provisions hereof.

#### Section 18. Concerning the Rights Agent.

18.1The Company agrees to pay to the Rights Agent compensation for all services rendered by it hereunder in accordance with a fee schedule to be mutually agreed upon, and, from time to time, on demand of the Rights Agent, to reimburse the Rights Agent for all of its reasonable expenses and counsel fees and other disbursements incurred in the preparation, delivery, negotiation, administration, execution and amendment, of this Agreement and the exercise and performance of its duties hereunder. The Company also covenants and agrees to indemnify the Rights Agent for, and to hold it harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, judgment, fine, penalty, claim, demand, settlement, cost or expense (including the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel) that may be paid, incurred or suffered by it, or which it may become subject, without gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on the part of the Rights Agent (which gross negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction), for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by the Rights Agent in connection with the execution, acceptance and, administration of, exercise and performance of its duties under this Agreement, including the costs and expenses of defending against any claim or liability arising

therefrom or in connection therewith, directly or indirectly. The provisions under this Section 18 and Section 20 below shall survive the expiration of the Rights and the termination of this Agreement and the resignation, replacement or removal of the Rights Agent. The reasonable costs and expenses incurred in enforcing this right of indemnification shall be paid by the Company.

The Rights Agent shall be fully authorized and protected and shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in connection with its acceptance and administration of this Agreement and the exercise and performance of its duties hereunder, in each case in reliance upon any Right Certificate or certificate for Preferred Shares or for other securities of the Company, instrument of assignment or transfer, power of attorney, endorsement, affidavit, letter, notice, instruction, direction, consent, certificate, statement, or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to be signed, executed and, where necessary, verified or acknowledged by the proper Person or Persons, or otherwise upon the advice of counsel as set forth in Section 20. The Rights Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any event of which it was supposed to receive notice thereof hereunder, and the Rights Agent shall be fully protected and shall incur no liability for failing to take action in connection therewith, unless and until it has received such notice in writing.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event will the Rights Agent be liable for special, punitive, indirect, incidental or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including lost profits), even if the Rights Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

#### Section 19. Merger or Consolidation or Change of Name of Rights Agent.

19.1Any Person into which the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent may be merged or with which it may be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to the stock transfer or other stockholder services business of the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent, shall be the successor to the Rights Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto; provided that such Person would be eligible for appointment as a successor Rights Agent under the provisions of Section 21. The purchase of all or substantially all of the Rights Agent's assets employed in the performance of transfer agent activities shall be deemed a merger or consolidation for purposes of this Section 19. If, at the time such successor Rights Agent shall succeed to the agency created by this Agreement, any of the Right Certificates shall have been countersigned but not delivered, any such successor Rights Agent may adopt the countersignature of the predecessor Rights Agent and deliver such Right Certificates so countersigned. If, at that time, any of the Right Certificates shall not have been countersigned, any successor Rights Agent may countersign such Right Certificates either in the name of the predecessor Rights Agent or in the name of the successor Rights Agent. In all such cases such Right Certificates shall have the full force provided in the Right Certificates and in this Agreement.

If, at any time, the name of the Rights Agent changes and any of the Right Certificates have been countersigned but not delivered, the Rights Agent may adopt the countersignature under its prior name and deliver Right Certificates so countersigned. If, at that time, any of the Right Certificates have not been countersigned, the Rights Agent may countersign such Right Certificates either in its

prior name or in its changed name. In all such cases such Right Certificates shall have the full force provided in the Right Certificates and in this Agreement.

#### Section 20. Rights and Duties of Rights Agent.

20.1The Rights Agent undertakes to perform only the duties and obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Rights Agent. The Rights Agent shall perform its duties and obligations hereunder upon the following terms and conditions, by all of which the Company and the holders of Right Certificates, by their acceptance thereof, shall be bound:

20.2The Rights Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be legal counsel for the Company or an employee or legal counsel of the Rights Agent), and the advice or opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection to the Rights Agent and the Rights Agent shall incur no liability for or in respect of as to any action taken or omitted by it in the absence of bad faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion.

20.3Whenever in the performance of its duties under this Agreement the Rights Agent shall deem it necessary or desirable that any fact or matter be proved or established by the Company prior to taking, suffering or omitting to take any action hereunder, such fact or matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof is specifically prescribed herein) may be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by a certificate signed by a Person reasonably believed by the Rights Agent to be any one of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer or the Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Rights Agent, and such certificate shall be full authorization to the Rights Agent and the Rights Agent shall incur no liability for or in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it under the provisions of this Agreement in reliance upon such certificate. The Rights Agent shall have no duty to act without such a certificate as set forth in this Section 20.2.

20.4The Rights Agent shall be liable to the Company and any other Person hereunder only for its own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct (which gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, any liability of the Rights Agent under this Agreement will be limited to the amount of annual fees paid by the Company to the Rights Agent during the 12 months immediately preceding the event for which recovery from the Rights Agent is being sought.

20.5The Rights Agent shall not be liable for or by reason of any of the statements of fact or recitals contained in this Agreement or in the Right Certificates (except as to its countersignature thereof) or be required to verify the same. All such statements and recitals are and shall be deemed to have been made by the Company only.

20.6The Rights Agent shall not have any liability for or be under any responsibility in respect of the validity of this Agreement or the execution and delivery hereof (except the due execution hereof by the Rights Agent) or in respect of the legality or validity or execution of any Right Certificate (except its countersignature thereof); nor shall it be responsible for any determination by the Board of Directors with respect to the Rights or breach by the Company of any covenant or failure

by the Company to satisfy any condition contained in this Agreement or in any Right Certificate; nor shall it be liable or responsible for any modification by or order of any court, tribunal or governmental authority in connection with the foregoing, any change in the exercisability of the Rights or any adjustment required under the provisions of Sections 11 or 13 or for the manner, method or amount of any such adjustment or the ascertaining of the existence of facts that would require any such adjustment (except with respect to the exercise of Rights evidenced by Right Certificates after receipt of a certificate furnished pursuant to Section 12 describing such adjustment); nor shall it by any act hereunder be deemed to make any representation or warranty as to the authorization or reservation of any shares of Preferred Shares to be issued pursuant to this Agreement or any Right Certificate or as to whether any Preferred Shares will, when so issued, be validly authorized and issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.

20.7The Rights Agent shall not be liable or responsible for any failure of the Company to comply with any of its obligations relating to any registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or this Agreement, including, without limitation, obligations under applicable regulation or law.

20.8The Rights Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility in the case of the receipt of any written demand from any holder of Rights with respect to any action or default by the Company, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any duty or responsibility to initiate or attempt to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise or to make any demand upon the Company.

20.9The Company agrees that it will perform, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be performed, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further and other acts, instruments and assurances as may reasonably be required or reasonably requested by the Rights Agent for the carrying out or performing by the Rights Agent of the provisions of this Agreement.

20.10The Rights Agent is hereby authorized and directed to accept written instructions with respect to the performance of its duties hereunder and certificates delivered pursuant to any provision hereof from any Person reasonably believed by the Rights Agent to be any one of the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer or the Secretary of the Company, and to apply to such officers for advice or instructions in connection with its duties under this Agreement, and such advice or instructions shall provide full authorization and protection to the Rights Agent, and the Rights Agent shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in accordance with the written advice or instructions of any such officer or for any delay in acting while waiting for these instructions. The Rights Agent shall be fully authorized and protected in relying upon the most recent advice or instructions received by any such officer. Any application by the Rights Agent for written instructions from the Company may, at the option of the Rights Agent, set forth in writing any action proposed to be taken or omitted by the Rights Agent with respect to its duties or obligations under this Agreement.

20.11The Rights Agent and any affiliate, stockholder, director, officer, agent, representative or employee of the Rights Agent may buy, sell or deal in any of the Rights or other securities of the Company, or become pecuniarily interested in any transaction in which the Company may be interested, or contract with or lend money to the Company, or otherwise act as fully and freely as though it were not the Rights Agent under this Agreement, in each case in compliance with

applicable laws. Nothing herein shall preclude the Rights Agent and such other Persons from acting in any other capacity for the Company or for any other legal entity.

20.12The Rights Agent may execute and exercise any of the rights or powers hereby vested in it or perform any duty hereunder either itself or by or through its attorneys or agents. The Rights Agent shall not be answerable or accountable for any act, omission, default, neglect, or misconduct of any such attorneys or agents or for any loss to the Company or any other Person resulting from any such act, omission, default, neglect or misconduct, absent gross negligence or bad faith in the selection and continued employment of such attorneys or agents thereof (which gross negligence or bad faith must be determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

20.13No provision of this Agreement shall require the Rights Agent to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of its rights if the Rights Agent believes that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnification against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

20.14The Rights Agent shall not be required to take notice or be deemed to have notice of any fact, event or determination (including any dates or events defined in this Agreement or the designation of any Person as an Acquiring Person, Affiliate or Associate or whether any Requesting Person has been designated as an Exempt Person) under this Agreement unless and until the Rights Agent shall be specifically notified in writing by the Company of such fact, event or determination, and all notices or other instruments required by this Agreement to be delivered to the Rights Agent must, in order to be effective, be received by the Rights Agent as specified in Section 26, and in the absence of such notice so delivered, the Rights Agent may conclusively assume no such event or condition exists.

20.15The Rights Agent shall have no responsibility to the Company or any holders of the Right Certificates for interest or earnings on any moneys held by the Rights Agent pursuant to this Agreement.

#### Section 21. Change of Rights Agent.

21.1The Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent may resign and be discharged from its duties under this Agreement upon 30 days' notice in writing mailed to the Company and, in the event that the Rights Agent or one of its Affiliates is not also the transfer agent for the Company in accordance with Section 26 hereof, to each transfer agent of the Common Shares and the Preferred Shares, if known to the Rights Agent, by first class mail, postage prepaid. The Company may remove the Rights Agent or any successor Rights Agent upon 30 days' notice in writing, mailed to the Rights Agent or successor Rights Agent in accordance with Section 26 hereof, as the case may be, and to each transfer agent of the Common Shares and the Preferred Shares by registered or certified mail, and, after the Distribution Date, to the holders of the Right Certificates by first-class mail. In the event that the transfer agency relationship in effect between the Company and the Rights Agent terminates, the Rights Agent will be deemed to have resigned automatically and be discharged from its duties as Rights Agent under this Agreement as of the effective date of such termination, and the Company shall be responsible for sending any required notice. If the Rights Agent shall resign or be removed or shall otherwise become incapable of acting, the Company shall appoint a successor to the Rights

Agent. If the Company shall fail to make such appointment within a period of 30 days after giving notice of such removal or after it has been notified in writing of such resignation or incapacity by the resigning or incapacitated Rights Agent, then the incumbent Rights Agent or registered holder of any Right Certificate may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a new Rights Agent. Any successor Rights Agent, whether appointed by the Company or by such a court, shall be (i) a Person (other than a natural person) organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States, in good standing, which is authorized under such laws to exercise stock transfer powers, is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, and has, along with its Affiliates, at the time of its appointment as Rights Agent a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million or (ii) an Affiliate of a Person described in clause (i) of this sentence. After appointment, the successor Rights Agent shall be vested with the same powers, rights, duties and responsibilities as if it had been originally named as Rights Agent without further act or deed, and the predecessor Rights Agent shall deliver and transfer to the successor Rights Agent any property at the time held by it hereunder, and shall execute and deliver any conveyance, act or deed necessary for the purpose but such predecessor Rights Agent shall not be required to make any additional expenditure or assume any additional liability in connection with the foregoing, and shall thereafter be discharged from all duties and obligations hereunder. Not later than the effective date of any such appointment the Company shall file notice thereof in writing with the predecessor Rights Agent and each transfer agent of the Common Shares and the Preferred Shares, and, after the Distribution Date, mail a notice in writing to the registered holders of the Right Certificates. Failure to give any notice provided for in this Section 21, however, or any defect therein, shall not affect the legality or validity of the resignation or removal of the Rights Agent or the appointment of the successor Rights Agent, as the case may be.

#### Section 22. <u>Issuance of New Right Certificates</u>.

22.1Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Agreement or of the Right Certificates to the contrary, the Company may, at its option, issue new Right Certificates evidencing Rights in such form as may be approved by its Board of Directors to reflect any adjustment or change in the Purchase Price and the number or kind or class of shares or other securities or property purchasable under the Right Certificates made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. In addition, in connection with the issuance or sale of Common Shares following the Distribution Date and prior to the earlier of the Redemption Date and the Final Expiration Date, the Company may, with respect to Common Shares so issued or sold, issue Right Certificates representing the appropriate number of Rights in connection with such issuance or sale; *provided*, that no such Right Certificates may be issued if, and to the extent that, the Company, in its sole discretion, determines that such issuance would jeopardize or endanger the value or availability to the Company of the Tax Attributes or otherwise create a significant risk of material adverse tax consequences to the Company.

#### Section 23. Redemption.

23.1The Board of Directors may, at its option, at any time prior to the earlier to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date (or, if the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date) and (ii) the Final Expiration Date, redeem all, but not less than all, of the then outstanding Rights at a redemption price of \$0.001 per Right, appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date hereof (the "**Redemption**"

**Price**"). The redemption of the Rights by the Board of Directors may be made effective at such time, on such basis and subject to such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish.

23.2Immediately upon the time of the effectiveness of the redemption of the Rights or such earlier time as may be determined by the Board of Directors in the action ordering such redemption (although not earlier than the time of such action) (the "Redemption Date"), and without any further action and without any notice, the right to exercise the Rights shall terminate and the only right thereafter of the holders of Rights shall be to receive the Redemption Price. The Company shall promptly give public notice of any such redemption (with prompt written notice to the Rights Agent); provided, that the failure to give, or any defect in, any such notice shall not affect the validity of such redemption. Within ten Business Days after action of the Board of Directors ordering the redemption of the Rights, the Company shall mail, or cause the Rights Agent to mail (at the expense of the Company), a notice of redemption to the holders of the then outstanding Rights at their last addresses as they appear upon the registry books of the Rights Agent or, prior to the Distribution Date, on the registry books of the transfer agent for the Common Shares. Any notice mailed in the manner herein provided shall be deemed given, whether or not the holder receives the notice. If the payment of the Redemption Price is not included with such notice, each such notice shall state the method by which the payment of the Redemption Price will be made. Neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates or Associates may redeem, acquire or purchase for value any Rights at any time in any manner other than that specifically set forth in this Section 23 or in Section 24, other than in connection with the purchase of Common Shares prior to the Distribution Date.

#### Section 24. Exchange.

24.1The Board of Directors may, at its option, at any time after a Stock Acquisition Date, mandatorily exchange all or part of the then outstanding and exercisable Rights (which excludes Rights that have become void pursuant to Section 11.1.2) for Common Shares at an exchange ratio of one Common Share per one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share represented by a Right, appropriately adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction occurring after the date hereof (the "Exchange Ratio"). From and after the occurrence of an event specified in Section 13.1, any Right that theretofore has not been exchanged pursuant to this Section 24 shall thereafter be exercisable only in accordance with Section 13 and may not be exchanged pursuant to this Section 24. The exchange of the Rights by the Board of Directors may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish.

24.2Immediately upon the action of the Board of Directors ordering the exchange of any Rights pursuant to Section 24.1, and without any further action and without any notice, the right to exercise such Rights shall terminate and the only right thereafter of a holder of such Rights shall be to receive that number of Common Shares equal to the number of such Rights held by such holder multiplied by the Exchange Ratio. The Company shall promptly give reasonably detailed written notice of any such exchange to the Rights Agent, and shall promptly give public notice of any such exchange; *provided*, that the failure to give, or any defect in, any such notice shall not affect the validity of such exchange. Within ten Business Days after action by the Board of Directors ordering the exchange of any Rights pursuant to Section 24.1, the Company shall mail, or cause the Rights Agent to mail, a notice of any such exchange to the holders of such Rights at their last addresses as they appear upon the registry books of the Rights Agent. Any notice mailed in the manner herein

provided shall be deemed given, whether or not the holder receives the notice. Each such notice of exchange will state the method by which the exchange of the Common Shares for Rights will be effected and, in the event of any partial exchange, the number of Rights which will be exchanged. Any partial exchange shall be effected *pro rata* based on the number of Rights (other than Rights which have become void pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.1.2) held by each holder of Rights.

24.3In any exchange pursuant to this Section 24, the Company, at its option, may substitute Preferred Shares or Common Stock Equivalents for Common Shares exchangeable for Rights at the initial rate of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share (or an appropriate number of Common Stock Equivalents) for each Common Share, as appropriately adjusted.

24.4If there shall not be sufficient Common Shares, Preferred Shares or Common Stock Equivalents authorized but unissued to permit any exchange of Rights as contemplated in accordance with this Section 24, the Company shall use its reasonable efforts to authorize additional Common Shares, Preferred Shares or Common Stock Equivalents for issuance upon exchange of the Rights.

24.5The Company shall not be required to issue fractions of Common Shares or to distribute certificates which evidence fractional Common Shares. In lieu of issuing fractional Common Shares, the Company may instead pay to the registered holders of the Right Certificates with regard to which such fractional Common Shares would otherwise be issuable an amount in cash equal to the same fraction of the current per share market value of a whole Common Share. For the purposes of this Section 24.5, the current per share market value of a whole Common Share shall be the closing price of a Common Share (as determined pursuant to the second sentence of Section 11.4.1) for the Trading Day immediately prior to the date of exchange pursuant to this Section 24.

24.6Notwithstanding anything in this Section 24 to the contrary, the exchange of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and subject to such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish. Without limiting the preceding sentence, the Board of Directors may (i) in lieu of issuing Common Shares or any other securities contemplated by this Section 24 to the Persons entitled thereto in connection with the exchange (such Persons, the "Exchange Recipients," and such shares and other securities, together with any dividends or distributions made on such shares or other securities, the "Exchange Property") issue, transfer or deposit the Exchange Property to or into a trust or other entity (the "Trust") created upon such terms as the Board of Directors may determine to hold all or a portion of the Exchange Property for the benefit of the Exchange Recipients, (ii) permit the Trust to exercise all of the rights that a stockholder of record would possess with respect to any shares deposited in the Trust and (iii) direct that all holders of Rights entitled to receive Exchange Property shall be entitled to receive such Exchange Property only from the Trust and only upon compliance with the relevant terms and provisions of the Trust and subject to such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish. Prior to effecting an exchange of Rights, the Company may require (or cause the trustee or other governing body of the Trust to require), as a condition thereof, that any Exchange Recipient provide evidence that it is not an Acquiring Person, including evidence of the identity of the current or former Beneficial Owners thereof and their Affiliates and Associates. If any Person shall fail to comply with any request to provide such evidence, the Company shall be entitled conclusively to deem the Rights held by such Person to be null and void pursuant to Section 11.1.2 and not transferable or exercisable or exchangeable in connection herewith. In the event that the Board of Directors determines, before the

Distribution Date, to effect an exchange, the Board of Directors may delay the occurrence of the Distribution Date to such time as the Board of Directors deems advisable.

#### Section 25. Notice of Certain Events.

25.1If the Company shall after the Distribution Date propose (i) to pay any dividend payable in stock of any class to the holders of its Preferred Shares or to make any other distribution to the holders of its Preferred Shares (other than a regular quarterly cash dividend); (ii) to offer to the holders of its Preferred Shares rights or warrants to subscribe for or to purchase any additional Preferred Shares or shares of stock of any class or any other securities, rights or options; (iii) to effect any reclassification of its Preferred Shares (other than a reclassification involving only the subdivision of outstanding Preferred Shares); (iv) to effect any consolidation or merger into or with any other Person, or to effect any sale or other transfer (or to permit one or more of its Subsidiaries to effect any sale or other transfer), in one or more transactions, of 50% or more of the assets or Earning Power of the Company and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) to any other Person; (v) to effect the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company; or (vi) to declare or pay any dividend on the Common Shares payable in Common Shares, or to effect a subdivision, combination or consolidation of the Common Shares (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of dividends in Common Shares), then, in each such case, the Company shall give to each holder of a Right Certificate and the Rights Agent, in accordance with Section 26, a reasonably detailed notice of such proposed action, which shall specify the record date for the purposes of such stock dividend, or distribution of rights or warrants, or the date on which such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, transfer, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up is to take place and the date of participation therein by the holders of the Common Shares or Preferred Shares or both, if any such date is to be fixed, and such notice shall be so given in the case of any action covered by clause (i) or (ii) above at least ten days prior to the record date for determining holders of the Preferred Shares for purposes of such action, and in the case of any such other action, at least ten days prior to the date of the taking of such proposed action or the date of participation therein by the holders of the Common Shares or Preferred Shares or both, whichever shall be the earlier.

25.2The Company shall, as soon as practicable after a Stock Acquisition Date, give to the Rights Agent and each holder of a Right Certificate, in accordance with Section 26, a notice that describes the transaction in which a Person became an Acquiring Person and the consequences of the transaction to holders of Rights under Section 11.1.2.

#### Section 26. Notices.

26.1Notices or demands authorized by this Agreement to be given or made by the Rights Agent or by the holder of any Right Certificate to or on the Company shall be sufficiently given or made if in writing and when sent by overnight delivery service or first-class mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed (until another address is filed in writing with the Rights Agent) as follows:

LSB Industries, Inc. 3503 NW 63rd Street, Suite 500 Oklahoma City, OK Attention: Michael J. Foster with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Ropes & Gray LLP Prudential Tower 800 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02199 Telephone: (617) 951-7000

Attention: Craig Marcus and Faiza Rahman

Subject to the provisions of Section 21, any notice or demand authorized by this Agreement to be given or made by the Company or by the holder of any Right Certificate to or on the Rights Agent shall be deemed given upon receipt and shall be sufficiently given or made if in writing when sent by overnight delivery service or registered or certified mail properly addressed (until another address is filed in writing with the Company) as follows:

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. 150 Royall Street Canton, MA 02021 Attention: Client Services

Notices or demands authorized by this Agreement to be given or made by the Company or the Rights Agent to the holder of any Right Certificate shall be sufficiently given or made if in writing, when sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such holder at the address of such holder as shown on the registry books of the Company.

#### Section 27. Supplements and Amendments.

27.1The Company may from time to time, and the Rights Agent shall if the Company so directs in writing, supplement or amend this Agreement without the approval of any holders of Right Certificates in order to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision contained herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provisions herein, or to make any change to or delete any provision hereof or to adopt any other provisions with respect to the Rights which the Company may deem necessary or desirable; provided, that, at any time after the Close of Business on the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date (or, if the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date), this Agreement shall not be amended or supplemented in any manner which would adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights (other than an Acquiring Person and its Affiliates and Associates). For the avoidance of doubt, the Company shall be entitled to adopt and implement such procedures and arrangements (including with third parties) as it may deem necessary or desirable to facilitate the exercise, exchange, trading, issuance or distribution of the Rights (and Preferred Shares) as contemplated hereby and to ensure that an Excluded Person does not obtain the benefits thereof, and amendments in respect of the foregoing shall not be deemed to adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights. Any supplement or amendment authorized by this Section 27 will be evidenced by a writing signed by the Company and the Rights Agent, subject to certification by any of the officers of the Company listed in Section 20.2 that any such supplement or amendment complies with this Section 27. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Rights Agent shall not be required to execute any supplement or amendment to this Agreement that it has determined would

adversely affect its own rights, duties, obligations or immunities hereunder. No supplement or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless duly executed by the Rights Agent.

## Section 28. Successors.

28.1All the covenants and provisions of this Agreement by or for the benefit of the Company or the Rights Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns hereunder.

## Section 29. Benefits of this Agreement.

29.1Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give to any Person or entity other than the Company, the Rights Agent and the registered holders of the Right Certificates any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Agreement. This Agreement shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Company, the Rights Agent and the registered holders of the Right Certificates.

## Section 30. Severability.

30.1If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction or other authority to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated; provided, that if such excluded provision shall affect the rights, immunities, liabilities, duties or obligations of the Rights Agent, the Rights Agent shall be entitled to resign immediately upon written notice to the Company.

## Section 31. Governing Law.

31.1This Agreement and each Right Certificate issued hereunder shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Delaware and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts to be made and performed entirely within the State of Delaware; *provided*, that all provisions regarding the rights, duties, liabilities and obligations of the Rights Agent shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within the State of New York.

## Section 32. Counterparts.

32.1This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. A signature to this Agreement transmitted electronically shall have the same authority, effect and enforceability as an original signature.

## Section 33. <u>Descriptive Headings and Construction</u>.

33.1Descriptive headings of the sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof. In this Agreement, (i) the word "including" (in its various forms) means "including, without

limitation," and (ii) the words "hereunder," "hereof," "hereto" and words of similar import are references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement.

## Section 34. Administration.

34.10ther than with respect to rights, duties, obligations and immunities of the Rights Agent, the Board of Directors, or a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, shall have the exclusive power and authority to administer and interpret the provisions of this Agreement and to exercise all rights and powers specifically granted to the Board of Directors or the Company or as may be necessary or advisable in the administration of this Agreement. All such actions, calculations, determinations and interpretations which are done or made by the Board of Directors, or a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, in good faith shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Company, the Rights Agent, holders of the Rights and all other parties and shall not subject the Board of Directors, or a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, to any liability to the holders of the Rights. The Rights Agent is entitled always to assume that the Board of Directors, or a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, as applicable, acted in good faith and shall be fully protected and incur no liability in reliance thereon.

## Section 35. Force Majeure.

35.1Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Rights Agent shall not be liable for any delays or failures in performance resulting from acts beyond its reasonable control including acts of God, terrorist acts, epidemics, pandemics, shortage of supply, breakdowns or malfunctions, interruptions or malfunction of any utilities, communications, or computer facilities, or loss of data due to power failures or mechanical difficulties with information storage or retrieval systems, labor difficulties, war, or civil unrest.

## Section 36. Process to Seek Exemption

36.1Any Person who desires to effect any acquisition of Common Shares that might, if consummated, result in such Person beneficially owning 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding (such Person, a "Requesting Person") may request that the Board of Directors grant an exemption with respect to such acquisition under this Agreement so that such Person would be deemed to be an Exempt Person for purposes of this Agreement (such request, an "Exemption Request"). An Exemption Request shall be in proper form and shall be delivered by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive office of the Company. The Exemption Request shall be deemed made upon receipt by the Secretary of the Company. To be in proper form, an Exemption Request shall set forth (i) the name and address of the Requesting Person, (ii) the number and percentage of Common Shares then Beneficially Owned by the Requesting Person, together with all Affiliates and Associates of the Requesting Person and (iii) a reasonably detailed description of the transaction or transactions by which the Requesting Person would propose to acquire Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares aggregating 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding and the maximum number and percentage of Common Shares that the Requesting Person proposes to acquire. The Board of Directors shall endeavor to respond to an Exemption Request within 20 Business Days after receipt of such Exemption Request; provided, that the failure of the Board of Directors to make a determination within 20 Business Days after receipt of an Exemption Request shall be deemed to constitute denial by the Board of Directors of the Exemption Request. The

Requesting Person shall respond promptly to reasonable and appropriate requests for additional information from the Company or the Board of Directors and its advisors to assist the Board of Directors in making its determination. The Board of Directors shall only grant an exemption in response to an Exemption Request if it receives, at the request of the Board of Directors, a report from the Company's advisors to the effect that the acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares by the Requesting Person does not create a significant risk of material adverse tax consequences to the Company or the Board of Directors otherwise determines in its sole and absolute discretion that the exemption is in the best interests of the Company. Any exemption granted hereunder may be granted in whole or in part, and may be subject to limitations or conditions (including a requirement that the Requesting Person agree that it will not acquire Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares in excess of the maximum number and percentage of shares approved by the Board of Directors), in each case as and to the extent the Board of Directors shall determine necessary or desirable to provide for the protection of the Company's Tax Attributes. Any Exemption Request may be submitted on a confidential basis and, except to the extent required by applicable law, the Company shall maintain the confidentiality of such Exemption Request and the determination of the Board of Directors with respect thereto, unless the information contained in the Exemption Request or the determination of the Board of Directors with respect thereto otherwise becomes publicly available. The Exemption Request shall be considered and evaluated by the directors who are independent of the Requesting Person and disinterested with respect to the Exemption Request and the action of a majority of such directors shall be deemed to be the determination of the Board of Directors for purposes of such Exemption Request. The Company shall notify the Rights Agent of any exemption granted under this Section 36.

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Appendix A

The parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

## LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.

Cheryl Maguire
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer Name: Title:

The parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.
COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.
By: Name: Title:

## EXHIBIT A

**FORM** 

of

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS

of

SERIES G CLASS C PREFERRED STOCK

of

LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Pursuant to Section 151 of the Delaware General Corporation Law)

LSB Industries, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies that the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "**Board of Directors**") as required by Section 151 of the General Corporation Law on July 2, 2020:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, a series of Class C Preferred Stock, no par value, of the Corporation be and it hereby is created, and that the designation and amount thereof and the powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of the shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof are as follows:

Section 1.<u>Designation and Amount</u>. The shares of this series shall be designated as Series G Class C Preferred Stock (the "Series G Class C Preferred Stock"), and the number of shares constituting the Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall be 100,000. Such number of shares may be increased or decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors;

provided, that no decrease shall reduce the number of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock to a number less than the number of shares then outstanding plus the number of shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding options, rights or warrants or upon the conversion of any outstanding securities issued by the Corporation convertible into Series G Class C Preferred Stock.

## Section 2. <u>Dividends and Distributions</u>.

(A)Subject to the rights of the holders of any shares of any series of preferred stock of the Corporation (including Preferred Stock, par value \$100 per share and Class C Preferred Stock, no par value, the "Preferred Stock") (or any other stock of the Corporation) ranking prior and superior to the Series G Class C Preferred Stock with respect to dividends, the holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available for the purpose, quarterly dividends payable in cash on the last day of March, June, September and December in each year (each such date a "Quarterly Dividend Payment Date"), commencing on the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date after the first issuance of a share or fraction of a share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock, in an amount (if any) per share (rounded to the nearest cent), subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to 1,000 multiplied by the aggregate per share amount of all cash dividends, and 1,000 multiplied by the aggregate per share amount (payable in kind) of all non-cash dividends or other distributions, other than a dividend payable in shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of the Corporation (the "Common Stock") or a subdivision of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise) declared on the Common Stock since the immediately preceding Quarterly Dividend Payment Date or, with respect to the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, since the first issuance of any share or fraction of a share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock. In the event that the Corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the amount to which holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event under the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B)The Corporation shall declare a dividend or distribution on the Series G Class C Preferred Stock as provided in paragraph (A) of this Section 2 immediately after it declares a dividend or distribution on the Common Stock (other than a dividend payable in shares of Common Stock).

(C)Dividends due pursuant to paragraph (A) of this Section 2 shall begin to accrue and be cumulative on outstanding shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock from the Quarterly Dividend Payment Date next preceding the date of issue of such shares, unless the date of issue of such shares is prior to the record date for the first Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, in which case dividends on such shares shall begin to accrue from the date of issue of such shares, or unless the date of issue is a Quarterly Dividend Payment Date or is a date after the record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock entitled to receive a quarterly dividend and before such Quarterly Dividend Payment Date, in either of which events such dividends shall begin to accrue and be cumulative from such Quarterly Dividend Payment Date. Accrued but unpaid dividends shall not bear interest. Dividends paid on the shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock in an amount less than the total amount of such dividends at the time accrued and payable on such shares shall be allocated pro rata on a share-by-share basis among all such shares at the time outstanding. The Board of Directors may fix a record date for the determination of holders of shares of Series G

Class C Preferred Stock entitled to receive payment of a dividend or distribution declared thereon, which record date shall be not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for the payment thereof.

Section 3. <u>Voting Rights</u>. The holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall have the following voting rights:

(A)Subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, each share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to 1,000 votes on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Corporation. In the event that the Corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the number of votes per share to which holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event shall be adjusted by multiplying such number by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B)Except as otherwise provided in the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), including any other Certificate of Designations creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock, or by law, the holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock and the holders of shares of Common Stock and any other capital stock of the Corporation having general voting rights shall vote together as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation.

(C)Except as set forth herein, or as otherwise required by law, holders of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall have no special voting rights and their consent shall not be required (except to the extent they are entitled to vote with holders of Common Stock as set forth herein) for taking any corporate action.

## Section 4. Certain Restrictions.

- (A)Whenever quarterly dividends or other dividends or distributions payable on the Series G Class C Preferred Stock as provided in Section 2 are in arrears, thereafter and until all accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions, whether or not declared, on shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock outstanding shall have been paid in full, the Corporation shall not:
- (i) declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series G Class C Preferred Stock;
- (ii)declare or pay dividends, or make any other distributions, on any shares of stock ranking on a parity (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) with the Series G Class C Preferred Stock, except dividends paid ratably on the Series G Class C Preferred Stock and all such parity stock on which dividends are payable or in arrears in proportion to the total amounts to which the holders of all such shares are then entitled; or

(iii)redeem or purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration shares of any stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series G Class C Preferred Stock, provided that the Corporation may at any time redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire shares of any such junior stock in exchange for shares of any stock of the Corporation ranking junior (as to dividends and upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up) to the Series G Class C Preferred Stock

(B)The Corporation shall not permit any subsidiary of the Corporation to purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of stock of the Corporation unless the Corporation could, under paragraph (A) of this Section 4, purchase or otherwise acquire such shares at such time and in such manner.

Section 5.Reacquired Shares. Any shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock purchased or otherwise acquired by the Corporation in any manner whatsoever shall be retired and canceled promptly after the acquisition thereof. The Corporation shall take all such actions as are necessary to cause all such shares to become authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock that may be reissued as part of a new series of Preferred Stock subject to the conditions and restrictions on issuance set forth herein or in the Certificate of Incorporation, including any Certificate of Designations creating a series of Preferred Stock or any similar stock, or as otherwise required by law.

## Section 6.Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up.

(A)Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, voluntary or otherwise, no distribution shall be made to the holders of stock ranking junior (either as to dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) to the Series G Class C Preferred Stock unless, prior thereto, the holders of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall have received an amount per share (the "Series G Class C Liquidation Preference") equal to an amount per share, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to 1,000 multiplied by the aggregate amount to be distributed per share to holders of shares of Common Stock plus an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends. In the event that the Corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the aggregate amount to which holders of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock were entitled immediately prior to such event under the preceding sentence shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

(B)If there are not sufficient assets available to permit payment in full of the Series G Class C Liquidation Preference and the liquidation preferences of all other classes and series of stock of the Corporation, if any, that rank on a parity with the Series G Class C Preferred Stock in respect thereof, then the assets available for such distribution shall be distributed ratably to the holders of the Series G Class C Preferred Stock and the holders of such parity shares in proportion to their respective liquidation preferences.

(C)Neither the merger or consolidation of the Corporation into or with another entity nor the merger or consolidation of any other entity into or with the Corporation shall be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation within the meaning of this Section 6.

Section 7. Consolidation, Merger, Etc. If the Corporation shall enter into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which the shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or changed into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then in any such case each share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall at the same time be similarly exchanged or changed into an amount per share, subject to the provision for adjustment hereinafter set forth, equal to 1,000 multiplied by the aggregate amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property (payable in kind), as the case may be, into which or for which each share of Common Stock is changed or exchanged. In the event that the Corporation shall at any time declare or pay any dividend on the Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock, or effect a subdivision or combination or consolidation of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (by reclassification or otherwise than by payment of a dividend in shares of Common Stock) into a greater or lesser number of shares of Common Stock, then in each such case the amount set forth in the preceding sentence with respect to the exchange or change of shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall be adjusted by multiplying such amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after such event and the denominator of which is the number of shares of Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to such event.

Section 8. Amendment. While any Series G Class C Preferred Stock is issued and outstanding, the Certificate of Incorporation shall not be amended in any manner, including in a merger or consolidation, which would alter, change or repeal the powers, preferences or special rights of the Series G Class C Preferred Stock so as to affect them adversely without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Series G Class C Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class.

Section 9.<u>Rank</u>. The Series G Class C Preferred Stock shall rank, with respect to the payment of dividends and upon liquidation, dissolution and winding up, junior to all other series of Preferred Stock, unless the terms of any such series shall provide otherwise, and shall rank senior to the Common Stock as to such matters.

Appendix A

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By: Name:	_					
Title:						

## EXHIBIT B

## Form of Right Certificate

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NOT EXERCISABLE AFTER THE FINAL EXPIRATION DATE (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN THE RIGHTS AGREEMENT) OR EARLIER IF REDEMPTION, EXCHANGE OR TERMINATION OCCURS. THE RIGHTS ARE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION AT \$0.001 PER RIGHT AND TO EXCHANGE ON THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE RIGHTS AGREEMENT. UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, RIGHTS THAT ARE OR WERE ACQUIRED OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY AN ACQUIRING PERSON OR ANY ASSOCIATES OR AFFILIATES THEREOF (AS SUCH TERMS ARE DEFINED IN THE RIGHTS AGREEMENT), OR ANY SUBSEQUENT HOLDER OF SUCH RIGHTS, MAY BECOME NULL AND VOID.

Right Certificate

## LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.

, or his, her or its registered This certifies that assigns, is the registered owner of the number of Rights set forth above, each of which entitles the owner thereof, subject to the terms, provisions and conditions of the Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement (as may be amended from time to time, the "Rights Agreement"), dated as of August 22, 2023, between LSB Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a federally chartered trust company, as rights agent (or any successor rights agent) (the "Rights Agent"), as it may from time to time be amended or supplemented pursuant to its terms, to purchase from the Company at any time after the Distribution Date (as such term is defined in the Rights Agreement) and prior to the Final Expiration Date (as such term is defined in the Rights Agreement) or earlier under certain circumstances set forth in the Rights Agreement, at the office or offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, or at the office of its successor as Rights Agent, one one-thousandth of a fully paid non-assessable share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock, no par value, of the Company (the "Preferred Shares"), at a purchase price of \$10.00 per one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share (the "Purchase Price"), upon presentation and surrender of this Right Certificate with the Form of Election to Purchase properly completed and duly executed, accompanied by such documentation as the Rights Agent may reasonably request. The number of Rights evidenced by this Right Certificate (and the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share which may be purchased upon exercise hereof) set forth above, and the Purchase Price set forth above, are the number and Purchase Price as of August 22, 2023, based on the Preferred Shares as constituted at such date. As provided in the Rights Agreement, the Purchase Price and the number of one one-thousandths of a Preferred Share which may be purchased upon the exercise of the Rights evidenced by this Right Certificate are subject to modification and adjustment upon the happening of certain events.

From and after the occurrence of a Stock Acquisition Date (as defined in the Rights Agreement), if the Rights evidenced by this Right Certificate are or were acquired or Beneficially Owned by an Acquiring Person or an Associate or Affiliate of an Acquiring Person, such Rights shall become void, and any holder of such Rights shall thereafter have no right to exercise such Rights.

This Right Certificate is subject to all of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Rights Agreement, which terms, provisions and conditions are incorporated herein by this reference and made a part hereof, and to which Rights Agreement reference is made for a full description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities hereunder of the Rights Agent, the Company and the holders of the Right Certificates. Copies of the Rights Agreement are on file at the principal executive offices of the Company and the office or offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose.

This Right Certificate, with or without other Right Certificates, upon surrender at the office or offices of the Rights Agent designated for such purpose, accompanied by such documentation as the Rights Agent may reasonably request, may be exchanged for another Right Certificate or Right Certificates of like tenor and date evidencing Rights entitling the holder to purchase a like aggregate number of Preferred Shares as the Rights evidenced by the Right Certificate or Right Certificates surrendered shall have entitled such holder to purchase. If this Right Certificate shall be exercised in part, the holder shall be entitled to receive upon surrender hereof another Right Certificate or Right Certificates for the number of whole Rights not exercised.

Subject to the provisions of the Rights Agreement, at the Company's option, the Rights evidenced by this Certificate (i) may be redeemed by the Company at a redemption price of \$0.001 per Right or (ii) may be exchanged in whole or in part for shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, Preferred Shares, cash, debt securities, or other assets, property or instruments. The shares and other securities transferred as part of the exchange may be transferred to a trust created upon such terms as the Board of Directors of the Company may determine.

No fractional Preferred Shares will be issued upon the exercise of any Right or Rights evidenced hereby (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share, which may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts), but in lieu thereof a cash payment will be made, as provided in the Rights Agreement.

No holder of this Right Certificate, as such, shall be entitled to vote or receive dividends or be deemed for any purpose the holder of the Preferred Shares or of any other securities of the Company which may at any time be issuable on the exercise or exchange hereof, nor shall anything contained in the Rights Agreement or herein be construed to confer upon the holder hereof, as such, any of the rights of a stockholder of the Company or any right to vote for the election of directors or upon any matter submitted to stockholders at any meeting thereof, or to give or withhold consent to any corporate action, or to receive notice of meetings or other actions affecting stockholders (except as provided in the Rights Agreement), or to receive dividends or subscription rights, or otherwise, until the Right or Rights evidenced by this Right Certificate shall have been exercised or exchanged as provided in the Rights Agreement.

This Right Certificate shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until it shall have been countersigned by the Rights Agent.

WITNESS the facsimile signature of the proper officers of the Company and its corporate seal. Dated as of
Attest: LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.
By:
Countersigned:
Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Rights Agent
By:Authorized Signature

# Form of Reverse Side of Right Certificate

## FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

(To be executed by the registered holder if such hold	er desires to transfer the Right Certificate.)
FOR VALUE RECEIVED,assigns and transfers unto	hereby sells,
(Please print name and a	ddress of transferee)
this Right Certificate, together with all right, title at constitute and appoint	
Date:Signature	
Signature Guaranteed:  Signatures must be guaranteed by an eor savings and loan association with membership in a	eligible guarantor institution (bank, stock broker an approved signature medallion program).
The undersigned hereby certifies that are not Beneficially Owned by, were not acquired assigned to an Acquiring Person or an Affiliate or A to Common Shares underlying a Derivative Position (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement).	associate thereof and are not issued with respect described in the definition of Beneficial Owner
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## Form of Reverse Side of Right Certificate -- continued

## FORM OF ELECTION TO PURCHASE

(To be executed if holder desires to exercise the Right Certificate.)

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TO LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.:
The undersigned hereby irrevocably elects to exercise Rights represented by this Right Certificate to purchase the Preferred Shares issuable upon the exercise of such Rights and requests that certificates for such Preferred Shares be issued in the name of:
Please insert Social Security or other identifying number:
(Please print name and address)
If such number of Rights shall not be all the Rights evidenced by this Right Certificate, a new Right Certificate for the balance remaining of such Rights shall be registered in the name of and delivered to:
Please insert Social Security or other identifying number:
(Please print name and address)
Dated:,Signature
Signature
(Signature must conform to the holder specified on the Right Certificate)
Signature Guaranteed:
Signatures must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution (bank, stock broker or savings and loan association with membership in an approved signature medallion program).

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The undersigned hereby certifies that the Rights evidenced by this Right Certificate are not Beneficially Owned by, were not acquired by the undersigned from, and are not being assigned to an Acquiring Person or an Affiliate or Associate thereof and are not issued with respect to Common Shares underlying a Derivative Position described in the definition of Beneficial Owner (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement).

Signature	

## NOTICE

The signature in the foregoing Forms of Assignment and Election to Purchase must conform to the name as written upon the face of this Right Certificate in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

In the event that the certification set forth above in the Form of Assignment or the Form of Election to Purchase, as the case may be, is not completed, such assignment or election to purchase will not be honored.

Appendix A

## **EXHIBIT C**

UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, RIGHTS THAT ARE OR WERE ACQUIRED OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY AN ACQUIRING PERSON OR ANY ASSOCIATES OR AFFILIATES THEREOF (AS SUCH TERMS ARE DEFINED IN THE RIGHTS AGREEMENT), OR ANY SUBSEQUENT HOLDER OF SUCH RIGHTS, MAY BECOME NULL AND VOID

SUMMARY OF RIGHTS TO PURCHASE

## PREFERRED SHARES

The Board of Directors of LSB Industries, Inc. (the "Company") has declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of the Company (the "Common Shares"), outstanding on July 16, 2020 (the "Record Date") to the stockholders of record on that date. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of Series G Class C Preferred Stock, no par value, of the Company (the "Preferred Shares"), at a price of \$10.00 per one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share represented by a Right (the "Purchase Price"), subject to adjustment. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in an Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement (the "Rights Agreement"), dated as of August 22, 2023, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a federally chartered trust company, as Rights Agent, as it may from time to time be amended or supplemented pursuant to its terms. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this summary have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Rights Agreement.

The Rights Agreement is intended to, among other things, avoid an "ownership change" within the meaning of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and thereby preserve the ability of the Company to utilize certain net operating loss carryovers and other tax attributes of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Until the earlier to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the tenth day following the acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares (including ownership of a Derivative Position) by a Person or group of affiliated or associated Persons (an "Acquiring Person") (or, in the event that an exchange is effected in accordance with Section 24 of the Rights Agreement and the Board of Directors determines that a later date is advisable, then such later date) and (ii) ten Business Days (or such later date as may be determined by action of the Board of Directors prior to such time as any Person becomes an Acquiring Person) following the commencement of a tender offer or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in the Beneficial Ownership by a Person or group of 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares (the earlier of such dates, the "Distribution Date"), the Rights will be evidenced by Common Share certificates with a copy of this Summary of Rights attached thereto (unless such Rights are recorded in book-entry); provided, that each certificate (or other evidence of book-entry or other uncertificated ownership) representing Common Shares outstanding as of the Close of Business on the Record Date evidencing the Rights shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the terms of the Rights Agreement.

A Person shall not be deemed to be an Acquiring Person if such Person, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, as of August 22, 2023, is a Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding (a "Grandfathered Stockholder"); provided, that if a

Grandfathered Stockholder becomes (other than pursuant to the vesting or exercise of any equity awards issued to a member of the Board of Directors or pursuant to additional grants of any such equity awards to a member of the Board of Directors), after the date of the Rights Agreement, the Beneficial Owner of any additional Common Shares (regardless of whether, thereafter or as a result thereof, there is an increase, decrease or no change in the percentage of Common Shares then outstanding Beneficially Owned by such Grandfathered Stockholder) then such Grandfathered Stockholder shall be deemed to be an Acquiring Person unless, upon such acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares, such Person is not the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding; provided, further, that upon the first decrease of a Grandfathered Stockholder's Beneficial Ownership below 4.9%, such Grandfathered Stockholder shall no longer be deemed to be a Grandfathered Stockholder. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that after August 22. 2023, any agreement, arrangement or understanding pursuant to which any Grandfathered Stockholder is deemed to be the Beneficial Owner of Common Shares expires, is settled in whole or in part, terminates or no longer confers any benefit to or imposes any obligation on the Grandfathered Stockholder, any direct or indirect replacement, extension or substitution of such agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the same or different Common Shares that confers Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares shall be considered the acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares by the Grandfathered Stockholder and render such Grandfathered Stockholder an Acquiring Person for purposes of the Rights Agreement unless, upon such acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of additional Common Shares, such Person is not the Beneficial Owner of 4.9% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding.

"Beneficial Ownership" shall include any securities (i) which a Person or any of such Person's Affiliates or Associates (a) would be deemed to actually or constructively own for purposes of Section 382 of the Code or the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, including any coordinated acquisition of securities by any Persons who have a formal or informal understanding with respect to such acquisition (to the extent ownership of such securities would be attributed to such Persons under Section 382 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder), (b) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, within the meaning of Rules 13d-3 or 13d-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act or (c) has the right or ability to vote, or the right to acquire, pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding (except under limited circumstances), (ii) which are directly or indirectly Beneficially Owned by any other Person with which a Person has any agreement, arrangement or understanding for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of such securities, or changing, obtaining or influencing control of the Company or (iii) which are the subject of, or reference securities for, or that underlie, certain derivative potions of any Person or any such Person's Affiliates or Associates.

Any Person, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, who proposes to acquire 4.9% or more of the outstanding Common Shares may apply to the Board of Directors in advance for an exemption in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Rights Agreement.

The Rights Agreement provides that, until the Distribution Date (or the earlier expiration or redemption of the Rights), the Rights will be transferred with and only with the Common Shares. New Rights will accompany any new Common Shares issued by the Company after the Record Date, until the Distribution Date (or the earlier expiration or redemption of the Rights). Until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights), new Common Share certificates issued after the Record Date or upon transfer or new issuance of Common Shares will contain a notation

incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights), the surrender for transfer of any certificates for Common Shares outstanding as of the Record Date, even without such notation or a copy of this Summary of Rights being attached thereto, will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the Common Shares represented by such certificate. As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights ("**Right Certificates**") will be mailed to holders of record of the Common Shares as of the Distribution Date, and such separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights (unless such Rights are recorded in book-entry).

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire on the earliest to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the day following the certification of the voting results of the Company's 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, if at such stockholder meeting a proposal to approve the Rights Agreement has not been passed by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders or any other meeting of stockholders of the Company duly held prior to such meeting, (ii) the date on which the Board of Directors determines in its sole discretion that (x) the Rights Agreement is no longer necessary for the preservation of material valuable Tax Attributes or (y) the Tax Attributes have been fully utilized and may no longer be carried forward and (iii) the Close of Business on August 22, 2026 (the "Final Expiration Date").

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of Preferred Shares or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights is subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution (i) in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Preferred Shares; (ii) upon the grant to holders of the Preferred Shares of certain rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase Preferred Shares at a price, or securities convertible into Preferred Shares with a conversion price, less than the then current market price of the Preferred Shares; or (iii) upon the distribution to holders of the Preferred Shares of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular periodic cash dividends paid out of earnings or retained earnings or dividends payable in Preferred Shares) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those referred to above).

The number of outstanding Rights and the number of Preferred Shares issuable upon exercise of each Right are also subject to adjustment in the event of a stock split of the Common Shares or a stock dividend on the Common Shares payable in Common Shares or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of the Common Shares occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

Preferred Shares purchasable upon exercise of the Rights will not be redeemable. Each Preferred Share will be entitled to a quarterly dividend payment of 1,000 multiplied by the dividend declared per Common Share. In the event of liquidation, the holders of the Preferred Shares will be entitled to a payment per share equal to 1,000 multiplied by the aggregate payment made per Common Share. Each Preferred Share will have 1,000 votes, voting together with the Common Shares. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which Common Shares are exchanged, each Preferred Share will be entitled to receive 1,000 multiplied by the amount received per Common Share.

From and after the time any Person becomes an Acquiring Person, if the Rights evidenced by a Right Certificate are or were acquired or Beneficially Owned by an Acquiring Person or an Associate or Affiliate of an Acquiring Person (as such terms are defined in the Rights Agreement), such Rights shall become void, and any holder of such Rights shall thereafter have no right to exercise such Rights.

If any Person becomes an Acquiring Person, proper provision shall be made so that each holder of a Right, other than Rights Beneficially Owned by the Acquiring Person and its Affiliates and Associates (all of which will thereafter be void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise that number of Common Shares having a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right. If the Board of Directors so elects, the Company may deliver upon payment of the exercise price of a Right an amount of cash, securities, or other property equivalent in value to the Common Shares issuable upon exercise of a Right.

If, at any time after a Person becomes an Acquiring Person, the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or 50% or more of its consolidated assets or Earning Power are sold, proper provision will be made so that each holder of a Right will thereafter have the right to receive, upon the exercise thereof at the then current exercise price of the Right, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which at the time of such transaction will have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right.

At any time after any Person becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to the acquisition by any Person or group of a majority of the outstanding Common Shares, the Board of Directors may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such Person or group which have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one Common Share per Right (subject to adjustment). The shares and other securities transferred as part of the exchange may be transferred to a trust created upon such terms as the Board of Directors of the Company may determine.

With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in such Purchase Price. No fractional Preferred Shares will be issued (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-thousandth of a Preferred Share, which may, at the election of the Company, be evidenced by depositary receipts), and in lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Preferred Shares on the last trading day prior to the date of exercise.

At any time prior to the earlier to occur of (i) the Close of Business on the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date (or, if the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date) and (ii) the Final Expiration Date, the Board of Directors may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.001 per Right (the "**Redemption Price**"). The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

The terms of the Rights may be amended by the Board of Directors without the consent of the holders of the Rights. However, at any time after the Close of Business on the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date (or, if the tenth day following the Stock Acquisition Date occurs before the Record Date, the Close of Business on the Record Date), the Rights Agreement shall not be amended or supplemented in any manner which would adversely affect the interests of the holders of Rights (other than an Acquiring Person and its Affiliates and Associates).

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

A copy of the Rights Agreement has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an Exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the Rights Agreement is available free of charge from the Company. The foregoing summary of the Rights does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Rights Agreement, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Appendix A





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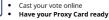
## **Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

For Stockholders of record as of April 1, 2024 Thursday, May 23, 2024 8:30 AM, Central Daylight Time Annual Meeting to be held live via the Internet - please visit www.proxydocs.com/LXU for more details.

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

This proxy is being solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors





Follow the simple instructions to record your vote



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## Virtual:

You must register to attend the meeting online by 5PM CDT on May 22, 2024 and/or participate at

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The undersigned hereby appoints Michael J. Foster and Cheryl A. Maguire, and each of them, as the true and lawful attorneys of the undersigned, with full power of substitution and revocation, and authorizes each of them to vote all the shares of capital stock of LSB Industries, Inc. that the undersigned is entitled to vote at said meeting and any adjournment thereof upon the matters specified and upon such other matters as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof, conferring authority upon such true and lawful attorneys to vote in their discretion on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting and revoking any proxy heretofore given.

THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO DIRECTION IS GIVEN, SHARES WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3, and 4.

You are encouraged to specify your choice by marking the appropriate box (SEE REVERSE SIDE) but you need not mark any box if you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendation. The Named Proxies cannot vote your shares unless you sign (on the reverse side) and return this card.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN AND DATE THIS PROXY CARD AND MARK ON THE REVERSE SIDE

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE: FOR ON PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3 AND 4

	PROPOSAL				YOUR VOTE		BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS
1.	Election of Directors						
	1.01 Barry H. Golsen			FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	FOR
	1.02 Kanna Kitamura						FOR
	1.03 Richard W. Roedel						FOR
2.	Proposal to approve the Amended and Restated Sec extend the term of the Company's existing rights plan		greement in order to	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	FOR
3.	Proposal to ratify Ernst & Young, LLP as the indeper 2024.	ndent registered pu	blic accounting firm for				FOR
4.	Proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the name	d executive office	compensation.				FOR
You must register to attend the meeting online by 5PM CDT on May 22, 2024 and/or participate at www.proxydocs.com/LXU  Authorized Signatures - Must be completed for your instructions to be executed.  Please sign exactly as your name(s) appears on your account. If held in joint tenancy, all persons should sign. Trustees, administrators, etc., should include title and authority. Corporations should provide full name of corporation and title of authorized officer signing the Proxy/Vote Form.							
Sig	gnature (and Title if applicable)	Date	Signature (if held jointly)				Date

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