

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO
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UNITED STATES
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EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

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[FORM OF NOTICE TO BE SENT TO CERTAIN STOCKHOLDERS OF RECORD

IN LIEU OF PAPER PROXY MATERIALS PG.2]

EXPLANATION OF NOTICE REGARDING INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

In accordance with federal securities laws, Eastman has elected to make its proxy materials relating to its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders available on the Internet to stockholders receiving the accompanying notice (the Notice). The purpose of Internet availability of proxy materials is to promote the use of the Internet as a reliable and cost-effective means of making proxy materials available to stockholders. The Company expects that it may realize significant cost savings related to the printing and distribution of proxy materials to stockholders by the use of the Internet.

The purpose of the Notice is to provide you with important instructions for obtaining the Company's proxy materials. The Notice is **NOT** a form for voting. We encourage you to review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

Although you have received the Notice and may access and review the proxy materials via the Internet, you may also elect to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials. In order to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, you must specifically request a copy by following the instructions contained in the Notice.

If you choose to vote via the Internet, you must follow the instructions on the Notice regarding accessing the Company's proxy materials via the Internet.

You may also attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. If you choose to vote in person, you must obtain the admission ticket that is included with the electronic form of proxy (accessible through the Internet site contained in the Notice), and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

[FORM OF LETTER TO EMPLOYEE STOCKHOLDERS WHO HOLD SHARES THROUGH COMPANY PLANS]

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Re: 2012 Annual Meeting Materials

Dear Fellow Eastman Employee and Stockholder:

Our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 3, and it is important that your shares be represented. Again this year, all employees who own Eastman shares through the ESOP or Eastman Investment Plan will access the Notice and Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting and Eastman's Annual Report to Stockholders electronically on the Internet. Making these materials available to you electronically rather than by sending printed material in the mail significantly reduces the Company's printing and postage expenses and reflects our continuing efforts to increase efficiency and reduce costs through the expanded use of technology.

To access the 2011 Annual Report and the Notice and Proxy Statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting, please go to www.ViewMaterial.com/EMN and click on the icon for each document. (If you like, you may use your Eastman employee account to access the Internet website and review the materials.) **The business to be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting is explained in the Proxy Statement. Please review the Proxy Statement, and the Annual Report, before voting your shares.** If you wish to receive a paper copy of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement, select "SendMaterial" and enter the 11-digit number in the box by the arrow on your proxy card.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. As explained on the enclosed proxy card, you can vote by proxy by Internet, by telephone, or by marking, signing, dating, and mailing your proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. **Whether you choose to vote by computer, telephone, or proxy card, please vote as soon as possible.** Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares you own.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

David A. Golden

Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary