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**OUR  
VISION**

To improve the quality of life and the environment through the use of power management technologies and services.

**LEADERSHIP  
ATTRIBUTES**

Our culture and what we value are represented in the attributes of all Eaton employees.

**Ethical:** We are ethical. We play by the rules and act with integrity.

**Passionate:** We are passionate. We care deeply about what we do. We set high expectations and we perform.

**Accountable:** We are accountable. We seek responsibility and take ownership. We do what we say.

**Efficient:** We are efficient. We value speed and simplicity.

**Transparent:** We are transparent. We say what we think. We make it okay to disagree.

**Learn:** We learn. We are curious, adaptable and willing to teach what we know.

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**Notice of Eaton Corporation plc's Annual General Meeting**

**MEETING AGENDA:**

1. Electing the 12 director nominees named in the proxy statement;
2. Approving a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Association to implement proxy access;
3. Approving a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Association regarding bringing shareholder business and making director nominations at an annual general meeting;
4. Approving the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for 2017 and authorizing the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to set its remuneration;
5. Approving, on an advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation;
6. Approving, on an advisory basis, whether a shareholder vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers should occur every 1, 2 or 3 years;
7. Approving a proposal to grant the Board authority to issue shares under Irish law;
8. Approving a proposal to grant the Board authority to opt-out of pre-emption rights under Irish law;
9. Authorizing the Company and any subsidiary of the Company to make overseas market purchases of Company shares; and
10. Transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Proposals 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 are ordinary resolutions requiring a simple majority of the votes cast at the meeting. Proposals 2, 3 and 8 are special resolutions requiring at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting. Each of these proposals is more fully described in this proxy statement.

Also during the meeting, management will present Eaton's Irish Statutory Accounts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 along with the related directors' and auditor's reports.

If you hold your shares in your broker's name and wish to vote in person at the annual general meeting, you must contact your broker and request a legal proxy. See page 77 for additional information.

By order of the Board of Directors,

**Thomas E. Moran**

Senior Vice President and Secretary

March 17, 2017

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE.**

If possible, please vote your shares using the Internet instructions found in the Notice. Alternatively, you may request a printed copy of the proxy materials and mark, sign, date and mail your proxy form in the postage-paid envelope that will be provided. Voting by any of these methods will not limit your right to vote in person at the annual general meeting. **Under New York Stock Exchange rules, if you hold your shares in street name through a brokerage account, your broker will NOT be able to vote your shares on non-routine matters being considered at the annual general meeting unless you have given instructions to your broker prior to the meeting on how to vote your shares. Proposals 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are not considered routine matters under New York Stock Exchange rules. This means that you must give specific voting instructions to your broker on how to vote your shares so that your vote can be counted.**

**Date:** April 26, 2017  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. local time  
**Location:** Eaton House

**30 Pembroke Road**

**Dublin 4, Ireland**

**Record date:** February 27, 2017

**Online proxy delivery and voting:** As permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are making this proxy statement, the Company's annual report to shareholders and our Irish statutory accounts available to our shareholders electronically via the Internet. We believe electronic delivery expedites your receipt of materials, reduces the environmental impact of our annual general meeting and reduces costs significantly. The Notice Regarding Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) contains instructions on how you can access the proxy materials and how to vote online. If you received the Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you request one in accordance with the instructions provided in the Notice. The Notice has been mailed to shareholders commencing on March 17, 2017 and provides instructions on how you may access and review the proxy materials on the Internet and how to vote.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 26, 2017: This proxy statement, the Company's 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders and our Irish Statutory Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2016 are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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This summary provides an overview of the items that you will find elsewhere in this proxy statement. We encourage you to read the entire proxy statement for more information about these topics before voting.

**This proxy statement, the accompanying proxy form, Eaton's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2016 and our Irish Statutory Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2016 will be made available or sent to shareholders commencing on or about March 17, 2017.**

Throughout this proxy statement, all references to our Board of Directors (or its committees) or officers for periods prior to November 30, 2012, are references to the Board of Directors (or its committees) or officers of Eaton Corporation, our predecessor. Similarly, all references to the Company for such periods refer to Eaton Corporation.

**MEETING AGENDA VOTING MATTERS**

This year there are nine proposals on the agenda. Adoption of Proposals 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of ordinary shares represented at the meeting by person or by proxy. Adoption of Proposals 2, 3 and 8 requires the affirmative vote of at least 75% of ordinary shares represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

Proposals	Board Voting Recommendations	Page
<b>Proposal 1</b>	FOR each nominee	6
To elect the 12 director nominees named in this Proxy Statement		
<b>Proposal 2</b>	FOR	18
To approve a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Association to implement proxy access		
<b>Proposal 3</b>	FOR	22
To approve a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Association regarding bringing shareholder business and making director nominations at an annual general meeting		
<b>Proposal 4</b>	FOR	24
To appoint Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for the 2017 fiscal year and to authorize the Audit Committee to set the auditor fees		
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To approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, our named executive officers' compensation as described in this Proxy Statement		
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To authorize the Company and any subsidiaries of the Company to make overseas market purchases of Company shares		
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In addition to executive compensation practices that strongly link pay and performance, Eaton's Code of Ethics and Board of Directors Governance Policies help to ensure that we do business right. For more information about our governance programs and Board of Directors, see Proposal 1 beginning on page 6.

Board and Governance Information	2016	Board and Governance Information	2016
Size of Board	14	Independent Directors Meet without Management Present	Yes
Average Age of Directors	62.4	Director Stock Ownership Guidelines	Yes
Number of Independent Directors	12	Mandatory Retirement Age	Yes
Board Meetings Held in 2016 (average director attendance 95%)	4	Board Orientation and Continuing Education Program	Yes
Annual Election of Directors	Yes	Code of Ethics for Directors, Officers and Employees	Yes
Majority Voting For Directors	Yes	Succession Planning and Implementation Process	Yes
Lead Independent Director	Yes	Comprehensive Sustainability Program	Yes

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Each director nominee is elected annually by a majority of votes cast. For more information about our nominees, see page 6 of this proxy statement.

**Board Committee Memberships**

Name	Director		Independent	Compensation			Other Public Company Boards
	Age	Since		Audit & Organization	Executive*	Finance Governance	
<b>Craig Arnold</b>	56	2015					
Chairman, Eaton Corporation plc and CEO, Eaton Corporation					1		1
<b>Todd M. Bluedorn</b>	53	2010					
Chairman and CEO, Lennox International Inc.							2
<b>Christopher M. Connor</b>	60	2006					
<b>Lead Director</b>							
Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Sherwin-Williams Company					1		1
<b>Michael J. Critelli</b>	68	1998					-
Retired Chairman							

and Chief Executive Officer, Pitney Bowes Inc. <b>Richard H. Fearon</b>	61	2015		
Vice Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer, Eaton Corporation <b>Charles E. Golden</b>	70	2007		1
Retired Executive Vice President and CFO,  Eli Lilly and Company <b>Arthur E. Johnson</b>	70	2009		1
Retired Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Development, Lockheed Martin Corporation <b>Deborah L. McCoy</b>	62	2000	1	1
Independent aviation safety consultant <b>Gregory R. Page</b>	65	2003		-
Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cargill, Incorporated <b>Sandra Pianalto</b>	62	2014		2
Retired President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland <b>Gerald B. Smith</b>	66	2012	1	2
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Chairman and  
CEO, Smith  
Graham & Co.

**Dorothy C.  
Thompson** 56 2016

Chief Executive,  
Drax Group plc

Member 1 Chair

\* Mr. Arnold has been a member of the Executive Committee since June 1, 2016 and serves as Committee Chair.  
Each of the non-employee directors serves a four-month term.

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**LINKING PAY WITH PERFORMANCE**

**Pay for Performance Culture**

Our executive compensation programs reflect the belief that the amount earned by our executives must, to a significant extent, depend on achieving rigorous Company, business unit and individual performance objectives designed to enhance shareholder value. In prior years, we illustrated the correlation between cumulative shareholder returns and Mr. Cutler's compensation over his tenure as CEO. Given our leadership transition and the distortion in pay that primarily results from the change in the form of our long-term performance based incentive plan as described on page 31, we have modified the pay and performance illustration to show the payouts as a percentage of target under our performance-based annual and long-term incentive programs and total return to shareholders over the last five years. The table clearly illustrates the correlation between pay and the performance we are delivering to our shareholders.

**Total Shareholder Return and Performance-Based Incentive Plan Payouts**

\* There was no payout under the long-term performance-based plan (ESIP) in 2012.

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**Proxy Summary**    Executive Compensation

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

We design our executive compensation plans and programs to help us attract, motivate, reward, and retain highly qualified executives who are capable of creating and sustaining value for our shareholders over the long term. We endorse compensation actions that fairly reflect company performance as well as the responsibilities and personal performance of individual executives.

**Executive Compensation Program Highlights**

Our executive compensation programs are intended to align the interests of our executives with those of our stakeholders and are structured to reflect best practices. Some features of our programs are included in the following chart.

**2016 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PRACTICES**

**What We Do:**

Focus on long-term compensation using a balanced portfolio of compensation elements such as cash and equity, and deliver rewards based on sustained performance over time

Stock ownership requirements for executives (6X base salary for CEO)

Shareholder-approved short-term and long-term incentive plans

Incentive plan payout caps in our short- and long-term incentive plans, which prevent unintended windfalls

Compensation recovery policy (clawbacks)

**What We Don't Do:**

û No employment contracts with any salaried U.S. employees, including named executive officers

û No hedging or pledging of our shares

û No dividend or dividend equivalent payments on unearned performance-based grants

û No use of the same metrics in short- and long-term incentive plans

û No repricing of stock options and no discounted stock options

û No tax gross-up provisions in change of control agreements

Use of targeted performance metrics to align pay with performance

## Say On Pay 2016 Advisory Vote and Shareholder Engagement

The Board of Directors is committed to understanding the views of our shareholders by providing an opportunity to endorse our executive compensation through an advisory, non-binding vote. In 2016, our shareholders approved our executives' compensation by a vote of 94%.

The Committee will continue to review our compensation programs each year in light of the annual say-on-pay voting results.

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**Proposal 1: Election of Directors**

Our Board of Directors is currently comprised of 13 members, all of whom serve for a term of one year or until a respective successor is elected and has been qualified. Effective at the annual general meeting, our board size will be reduced to 12 members as Linda A. Hill has decided not to stand for re-election. Ms. Hill informed the Governance Committee chair that she would not stand for re-election due to scheduling conflicts between her responsibilities as a director and her other commitments such as teaching and other academic responsibilities. All nominees are currently Eaton directors who were elected by shareholders at the 2016 annual general meeting, except Dorothy C. Thompson, who was elected by the Board of Directors effective July 29, 2016.

If any of the nominees becomes unable or declines to serve, the individuals named as proxies in the enclosed proxy form will have the authority to vote for any substitutes who may be nominated in accordance with our Articles of Association. However, we have no reason to believe that this will occur.

**OUR NOMINEES**

**Craig Arnold**

**Chairman, Eaton Corporation plc and Chief Executive Officer, Eaton Corporation**



**Director Since 2015**

Age 56

Craig Arnold is Chairman of the Company and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation. Mr. Arnold joined Eaton in 2000 as senior vice president and group executive of the Fluid Power Group. He was Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the Industrial Sector until August 2015 and President and Chief Operating Officer until June 2016. He currently serves on the boards of Medtronic plc and University Hospitals Health System and is a member of The Business Roundtable and The Business Council. Mr. Arnold serves as a director of The Greater Cleveland Partnership and the United Way of Greater Cleveland, and as an advisory board member of the Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Arnold's years of senior management and executive leadership experience at Eaton provide important insight into the Company to the benefit of the Board of Directors. Mr. Arnold has gained detailed knowledge of Eaton's businesses, customers, end markets, sales and marketing, technology innovation and new product development, supply chains, manufacturing operations, talent development, policies and internal functions through his service in a wide range of management roles with the Industrial Sector, and as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Further, he possesses significant corporate governance knowledge developed by current and past service on the boards of other publicly traded companies, most notably for Medtronic plc, a publicly traded company domiciled in Ireland.

**Todd M. Bluedorn**

**Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lennox International Inc.**

**Director Since 2010**

Age 53

Todd M. Bluedorn is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lennox International Inc., a global provider of climate control solutions for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration markets. Prior to joining Lennox International in 2007, Mr. Bluedorn served in numerous senior management positions for United Technologies Corporation since 1995, including President, Americas – Otis Elevator Company; President, North America – Commercial Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning for Carrier Corporation; and President, Hamilton Sundstrand Industrial. He is a director of Texas Instruments Incorporated and a trustee of Washington University in St. Louis.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Bluedorn has executive leadership experience in original equipment and aftermarket business and distributor/dealer-based commercial channels. He also has senior leadership experience with two major industrial corporations. His experience with industrial companies in responding to dynamic market conditions benefits Eaton as a global manufacturing company with product distribution through numerous commercial channels.

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**Proposal 1: Election of Directors**    Our Nominees

**Christopher M. Connor**

**Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Sherwin-Williams Company**

Christopher M. Connor is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Sherwin-Williams Company, a global manufacturer of paint, architectural coatings, industrial finishes and associated supplies. Mr. Connor held a number of executive positions at Sherwin-Williams since 1983. He became Chief Executive Officer in 1999, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 2000, and Executive Chairman in 2016. He currently serves on the boards of The Sherwin-Williams Company, University Hospitals Health System, Playhouse Square Foundation and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

**Director Qualifications:** As the retired Chairman and former CEO of a Fortune 500 company, Mr. Connor has leadership experience and is thoroughly knowledgeable in marketing, talent development, planning, operational and financial processes. In particular, he has had extensive sales and marketing experience in both direct and distribution channels, and brings broad knowledge of construction, automotive and industrial markets, all areas of strategic importance to Eaton. His background and experience with human resources, talent development, compensation and management are of particular benefit to Eaton in his role as Chair of the Compensation and Organization Committee. His background and broad experience are of particular benefit to Eaton in his role as Lead Director.



**Lead Director**

**Director since 2006**

Age 60

**Michael J. Critelli**

**Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Pitney Bowes Inc.**

Michael J. Critelli served as Chief Executive and President and a director of Dossia Services Corporation, a personal and population health management systems company,



**Director since 1998**

Age 68

from 2011 until 2016. Mr. Critelli is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pitney Bowes Inc., a provider of global mailstream solutions. He served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pitney Bowes from 1997 to 2007 and as Executive Chairman from 2007 to 2008. Mr. Critelli served as a director of ProHealth Physicians, Inc. from 2012 until 2015. He currently serves as a director of CloudParc.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Critelli has extensive experience in risk management, cybersecurity, industry-wide leadership in transportation, logistics, online and social media marketing and communications issues. In addition to broad business experience gained while leading a global Fortune 500 company, he is a thought leader on transportation strategy and regulatory reform, as well as innovative approaches to healthcare. His background and experience are valuable to our Board as it oversees management's efforts to develop and maintain talent, assess and evaluate enterprise risk management and cybersecurity issues, and navigate the regulatory environment.

### **Richard H. Fearon**

**Vice Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer, Eaton Corporation**

**Director since 2015**

Age 61

Richard H. Fearon has served as Chief Financial and Planning Officer of Eaton since April 2002 and Vice Chairman since January 2009. He is responsible for the accounting, control, corporate development, information systems, internal audit, investor relations, strategic planning, tax and treasury functions of Eaton. Prior to Eaton, Mr. Fearon worked at several large diversified companies, including Transamerica Corporation, NatSteel Limited and The Walt Disney Company. He currently is the lead director for PolyOne Corporation and also serves on the boards of Playhouse Square Foundation, The Cleveland Museum of Art, and Manufacturers Alliance, a trade organization of leading manufacturing companies.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Fearon's years of experience as Eaton's Chief Financial Officer provide the Board with important insight. He has comprehensive knowledge of financial accounting standards and extensive experience in financial statement preparation, corporate finance, corporate development, risk management and investor relations. Further, given his experience as Lead Director at PolyOne, he also provides significant governance expertise.

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Age 70

Charles E. Golden served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and a director of Eli Lilly and Company, an international developer, manufacturer and seller of pharmaceutical products, from 1996 until his retirement in 2006. Prior to joining Eli Lilly, he had been associated with General Motors Corporation since 1970, where he held a number of positions, including Corporate Vice President, Chairman and Managing Director of the Vauxhall Motors subsidiary and Corporate Treasurer. He is currently on the board of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. and was a past director of Unilever NV/PLC.

Mr. Golden also serves as a director of the Lilly Endowment and Indiana University Health.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Golden has a comprehensive knowledge of both U.S. and international financial accounting standards. He has extensive experience in financial statement preparation, accounting, corporate finance, risk management and investor relations both in the U.S. and internationally. His broad financial expertise enables him to provide expert guidance and oversight to the Board. Mr. Golden also has significant experience in global vehicle markets.

**Arthur E. Johnson****Retired Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Development, Lockheed Martin Corporation****Director since 2009**

Age 70

Arthur E. Johnson is the retired Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Development of Lockheed Martin Corporation, a manufacturer of advanced technology systems, products and services. Mr. Johnson was elected a Vice President of Lockheed Martin Corporation and named President of Lockheed Martin Federal Systems in 1996. He was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Lockheed Martin's Information and Services Sector in 1997 and Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Development in 1999. Mr. Johnson currently is a director of Booz Allen Hamilton and during the past five



years was a director of AGL Resources, Inc.. He is an independent trustee of the Fixed Income and Asset Allocation Funds of Fidelity Investments.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Johnson's role in strategic development with a leading company in the defense industry has given him an understanding of doing business with governments, strategic planning, regulatory compliance, and legislative and public policy matters. His knowledge of the global aerospace and defense industry are of particular benefit to our Board in connection with these businesses. Mr. Johnson's service as lead director of a New York Stock Exchange listed company, as well as his service on other boards, provides Eaton with valuable corporate governance expertise, which is of particular benefit to Eaton in his role as Chair of the Governance Committee.

### **Deborah L. McCoy**

#### **Independent aviation safety consultant**

Deborah L. McCoy is an independent aviation safety consultant. She retired from Continental Airlines, Inc. in 2005, where she had served as Senior Vice President, Flight Operations since 1999. During part of 2005, Ms. McCoy also briefly served as the Chief Executive Officer of DJ Air Group, a start-up commercial airline company.

**Director Qualifications:** Ms. McCoy has extensive experience in the commercial aerospace markets and brings an understanding of aircraft design and performance, global airline operations and the strategic issues and direction of the aerospace industry. In addition, Ms. McCoy has extensive experience in safety initiatives, Federal regulatory compliance, labor relations, talent management, and risk analysis and mitigation. All of these attributes are of benefit to Eaton's Board in its oversight role across the enterprise.



**Director since 2000**

Age 62

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**Proposal 1: Election of Directors**    Our Nominees

**Gregory R. Page**

**Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cargill, Incorporated**

**Director since 2003**

Age 65

Gregory R. Page is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cargill, Incorporated, an international marketer, processor and distributor of agricultural, food, financial and industrial products and services. He was named Corporate Vice President & Sector President, Financial Markets and Red Meat Group of Cargill in 1998, Corporate Executive Vice President, Financial Markets and Red Meat Group in 1999, and President and Chief Operating Officer in 2000. He became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 2007 and was named Executive Chairman in 2013. Mr. Page subsequently served as Executive Director from 2015 to 2016, after which he retired from the Cargill Board. Mr. Page is a director of 3M Company and Deere & Company, and a director and past non-executive Chair of the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He is a former director of Carlson and the immediate past President and a board member of the Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Director Qualifications:** As the retired Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer of one of the largest global corporations, Mr. Page brings extensive leadership and global business experience, in-depth knowledge of commodity markets, and a thorough familiarity with the key operating processes of a major corporation, including financial systems and processes, global market dynamics and succession management. Mr. Page's experience and expertise provide him valuable insight on financial, operational and strategic matters.

**Sandra Pianalto**

**Retired President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland**

**Director since 2014**

Age 62

Sandra Pianalto served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland from February 2003 until her retirement in June 2014. She joined the Bank in 1983 as an economist in the research department. She was appointed Assistant

Vice President of public affairs in 1984, Vice President and Secretary to the board of directors in 1988, and Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 1993. Before joining the Bank, Ms. Pianalto was an economist at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and served on the staff of the Budget Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. She is currently a director of The J.M. Smucker Company and Prudential Financial, Inc., chair of the board of directors of University Hospitals Health System, and past chair and life director of the board of United Way of Greater Cleveland. She holds the FirstMerit Chair in Banking at the University of Akron. Ms. Pianalto is also an advisory trustee at the University of Akron and serves on the board of College Now Greater Cleveland.

**Director Qualifications:** Ms. Pianalto has extensive experience in monetary policy and financial services, and brings to Eaton wide-ranging leadership and operating skills through her former roles with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. As Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, she developed expertise in economic research, management of financial institutions, and payment services to banks and the U.S. Treasury. Ms. Pianalto's comprehensive experience qualifies her to provide substantial guidance and oversight to the Board in her role as Chair of the Finance Committee.

**Table of Contents****Proposal 1: Election of Directors** How Nominees are Chosen**Gerald B. Smith****Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Smith Graham & Co., and former lead independent director of Cooper Industries plc****Director since 2012**

Age 66

Gerald B. Smith was a director of Cooper Industries plc from 2000 until 2012 and served as lead independent director of Cooper Industries plc since 2007. Mr. Smith joined the Board effective upon the close of the Cooper acquisition. He is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Smith Graham & Co., an investment management firm that he founded in 1990. Prior to launching Smith Graham, he served as Senior Vice President and Director of Fixed Income for Underwood Neuhaus & Company. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Investment Oversight Committee for The Charles Schwab Family of Funds. Mr. Smith also serves as a director and chair of the Investment Committee of the New York Life Insurance Company. In the past five years, Mr. Smith was a director of ONEOK Inc. and ONEOK Partners MLP. He serves as Chairman of the Texas Southern University Foundation and is a former director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston branch.

**Director Qualifications:** Mr. Smith has expertise in finance, portfolio management and marketing through executive positions in the financial services industry, including being founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Smith Graham & Co. His experience as a director of companies in the oil and gas and energy services businesses has provided him with valuable insight into markets in which Eaton also participates. Mr. Smith's experience as lead independent director of Cooper Industries plc since 2007 has benefited the process of integrating Cooper into Eaton. His experience and expertise provide him valuable insight on financial, operational and strategic matters in his role as Chair of the Audit Committee.

**Dorothy C. Thompson****Chief Executive, Drax Group plc****Director since 2016**

Age 56

Dorothy C. Thompson CBE is Chief Executive and a director of Drax Group plc, a U.K.-based power retail and generation company. She was appointed CEO of Drax Group plc in September 2005 and to the company's Board of Directors in October 2005. Prior to joining Drax, Ms. Thompson was vice president of InterGen NV, an independent power-company jointly owned by Shell and Bechtel. She joined InterGen in 1998 from PowerGen plc where she was assistant group treasurer. In addition to her leadership at Drax, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Court of the Bank of England and was a director of Johnson Matthey Plc until 2016.

**Director Qualifications:** As Chief Executive of Drax, Ms. Thompson has unique insight into the sourcing, generation and supply of sustainable and renewable energy. She also brings to the Board vast experience in all aspects of finance as well as an international business perspective.

#### **HOW NOMINEES ARE CHOSEN**

#### **Director Nomination Process**

The Governance Committee of the Board, composed entirely of directors who meet the independence standards of the Board of Directors and the New York Stock Exchange, is responsible for overseeing the process of nominating individuals to stand for election as directors. The Governance Committee charter is available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

The Governance Committee will consider any director candidates recommended by our shareholders, consistent with the process used for all candidates. To learn how to submit a shareholder recommendation, see below under Shareholder Recommendations of Director Candidates.

The Governance Committee chair reviews all potential director candidates in consultation with the Chairman, typically with the assistance of a professional search firm retained by the Committee. The Committee decides whether to recommend one or more candidates to the Board of Directors for nomination. Candidates who are ultimately nominated by the Board stand for election by the shareholders at the annual general meeting. Between annual general meetings, nominees may also be elected by the Board itself. Director Dorothy C. Thompson was elected by the Board effective July 29, 2016. Ms. Thompson was identified as a director candidate by the Chairman and other Company directors.

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### **Proposal 1: Election of Directors**    **Director Independence**

#### **Director Qualifications and Board Diversity**

In order to be recommended by the Governance Committee, a candidate must have the following minimum qualifications, as described in the Board of Directors Governance Policies: personal ability, integrity, intelligence, relevant business background, independence, expertise in areas of importance to our objectives, and a commitment to our corporate mission. In addition, the Governance Committee looks for individuals with specific qualifications so that the Board as a whole has diversity in experience, international perspective, background, expertise, skills, age, gender and ethnicity. These specific qualifications may vary from year to year, depending upon the composition of the Board at that time.

The Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring that director qualifications are met and Board balance and diversity objectives are considered during its review of director candidates. The Committee annually evaluates the extent to which these goals are satisfied as part of its yearly assessment of the skills and experience of each of the current directors using a director skills matrix and a director evaluation process. The director evaluation process includes self-evaluation, peer evaluation and input from the chairs of each Board committee. Upon completion of the skills matrix and the evaluation process, the Governance Committee identifies areas of director knowledge and experience that may benefit the Board in the future and uses that information as part of the director search and nomination effort.

The Board of Directors Governance Policies are available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

#### **Shareholder Recommendations of Director Candidates**

The Governance Committee will consider director candidates who are recommended to it in writing by any Eaton shareholder who submits a recommendation by following the procedures required under our Articles of Association for nominating director candidates. Accordingly, any shareholder wishing to recommend an individual as a nominee for election at the 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders should send a signed letter of recommendation to the following address: Eaton Corporation plc, Attention: Company Secretary, Eaton House, 30 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4, Ireland D04 Y0C2. Recommendation letters must be received no earlier than December 17, 2017 and no later than the close of business on January 16, 2018, or if Proposal 3 in this year's proxy statement is approved by shareholders at this year's annual general meeting, recommendation letters must be received no earlier than November 17, 2017 and no later than the close of business on December 17, 2017, and must include the reasons for the recommendation, the full name and address of each proposed nominee, and a brief biographical history setting forth past and present directorships, past and present positions held, occupations and civic activities. The recommendation letter should be accompanied by a written statement from the proposed nominee consenting to be nominated and, if nominated and elected, to serve as a director.

Any shareholder wishing to recommend an individual as a nominee for election as a director must also describe in writing any financial agreement, arrangement or understanding between the nominee and any party other than the Company relating to such nominee's potential service as a director, any compensation or other payment received from any party other than the Company relating to such nominee's potential service as a director, and details regarding such agreement, arrangement or understanding and its terms, or of any compensation received.

## DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The Board of Directors Governance Policies provide that all of our non-employee directors should be independent. The listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange state that no director can qualify as independent unless the Board of Directors affirmatively determines that he or she has no material relationship with the Company. Additional, and more stringent, standards of independence are required of Audit Committee members. Our annual proxy statement discloses the Board's determination as to the independence of the Audit Committee members and of all non-employee directors. For our current directors, we describe these determinations here.

As permitted by the New York Stock Exchange listing standards, the Board of Directors has determined that certain categories of relationships between a non-employee director and the Company will be treated as immaterial for purposes of determining a director's independence. These categorical standards are included in the Board of Directors independence criteria. The independence criteria for non-employee directors and members of the Audit Committee are available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

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### **Proposal 1: Election of Directors**    **Director Independence**

Because directors' independence may be influenced by their use of Company aircraft and other Company-paid transportation, the Board has adopted a policy on this subject.

In their review of director independence, the Board of Directors and its Governance Committee have considered the following circumstances:

Directors T. Bluedorn, C. Connor, L. Hill, G. Page and D. Thompson serve or have served as officers or employees of companies that had purchases and/or sales of property or services with us during 2016. In each case, the amounts of the purchases and sales met the Board's categorical standard for immateriality; that is, they were less than the greater of \$1 million or 2% of the annual consolidated gross revenues of the director's company. Mr. Bluedorn is Chairman and CEO of Lennox International Inc., which purchased approximately \$368,000 worth of Eaton products during 2016. Mr. Connor is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Sherwin-Williams Company, which purchased approximately \$153,000 worth of Eaton products and sold approximately \$898,000 worth of products to Eaton during 2016. Mr. Page is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cargill, Incorporated, which purchased approximately \$740,000 worth of Eaton products and sold approximately \$17,460,000 worth of products to Eaton during 2016. In addition, Cargill paid approximately \$7,967,000 in royalty payments to the Company. Ms. Hill is a director of Harvard Business Publishing, which provided executive training services to Eaton for an aggregate cost of \$1,000 during 2016. Ms. Thompson is Chief Executive of Drax Group plc, which sold approximately \$203,000 in goods or services to Eaton in 2016.

The use of our aircraft and other Company-paid transportation by all non-employee directors is consistent with the Board policy on that subject.

After reviewing the circumstances described above (which are the only relevant circumstances known to the Board of Directors), the Board has affirmatively determined that none of our non-employee directors has a material relationship with the Company other than in his or her capacity as a director, and that each of the following directors qualifies as independent under the Board's independence criteria and the New York Stock Exchange standards: T. Bluedorn, C. Connor, M. Critelli, C. Golden, L. Hill, A. Johnson, D. McCoy, G. Page, S. Pianalto, G. Smith and D. Thompson. All members of the Audit, Compensation and Organization, Finance and Governance Committees qualify as independent under the standards described above.

The Board also has affirmatively determined that each member of the Audit Committee—D. McCoy, S. Pianalto, G. Page, G. Smith and D. Thompson—meets not only our Board's independence criteria but the special independence standards required by the New York Stock Exchange and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the related rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### **Review of Related Person Transactions**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a written policy to identify and evaluate related person transactions, that is, transactions between us and any of our executive officers, directors, director nominees, 5%-plus security holders or



members of their immediate families, or organizations where they or their family members serve as officers or employees. The Board policy calls for the disinterested members of the Board's Governance Committee to conduct an annual review of all such transactions. At the Committee's direction, a survey is conducted annually of all transactions involving related persons, and the Committee reviews the results in January or February of each year. The Committee is responsible for determining whether any related person transaction (i) poses a significant risk of impairing, or appearing to impair, the judgment or objectivity of the individuals involved; (ii) poses a significant risk of impairing, or appearing to impair, the independence of an outside director or director nominee; or (iii) has terms that are less favorable to us than those generally available in the marketplace. Depending upon the Committee's assessment of these risks, the Committee will respond appropriately. In addition, as required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any transactions that are material to a related person are disclosed in our proxy statement.

As discussed above, the Governance Committee is charged with reviewing issues involving director independence and all related persons transactions. The Committee and the Board have determined that since the beginning of 2016 the only related person transactions were those described above under the heading "Director Independence" and that none of our executive officers engaged in any such transactions. The Committee also concluded that none of the related person transactions posed risks to the Company in any of the areas described above.

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**Proposal 1: Election of Directors** Board Committees

**BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board of Directors has the following standing committees: Audit, Compensation and Organization, Executive, Finance and Governance.

Audit Committee	Met 7 times in 2016
<p><b>Gerald B. Smith</b> (Chair) Deborah L. McCoy Gregory R. Page Sandra Pianalto Dorothy C. Thompson</p>	<p>The functions of the Audit Committee include assisting the Board in overseeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the integrity of our financial statements and its systems of internal accounting and financial controls;</li> <li>the performance of our internal auditors; and</li> <li>the independence, qualifications and performance of our independent auditor; and</li> <li>our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>
<p>The Committee also has sole authority to appoint, compensate and terminate the independent auditor, and pre-approves</p>	<p>all auditing services and permitted non-audit services that the audit firm may perform for the Company. The Committee is also responsible for negotiating the audit fees. In order to ensure continuing auditor independence, the Committee periodically considers whether there should be a rotation of the independent audit firm. In conjunction with the mandated rotation of the audit firm's lead engagement partner, the Committee and its Chair are directly involved in the selection of the audit firm's new lead engagement partner. Among its other responsibilities, the Committee meets regularly in separate Executive Sessions with our independent auditor and senior leaders of Eaton Corporation, including the Vice Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Senior Vice President-Internal Audit, and Senior Vice President-Global Ethics and Compliance; approves the Committee's report to be included in our annual proxy statement; assures that performance evaluations of the Audit Committee are conducted annually; and establishes procedures for the proper handling of complaints concerning</p>

accounting or auditing matters.

Each Committee member meets the independence requirements, and all Committee members collectively meet the other requirements, of the New York Stock Exchange, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, Committee members are prohibited from serving on more than two other public company audit committees. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate, that Messrs. Page and Smith and Ms. Pianalto and Thompson each qualify as an audit committee financial expert (as defined in Securities and Exchange Commission rules) and that all members of the Audit Committee have accounting or related financial management expertise.

**Compensation and Organization Committee**

Met 5 times in 2016

**Christopher M. Connor (Chair)**

The functions of the Compensation and Organization Committee include:

Todd M. Bluedorn

reviewing proposed organization or responsibility changes at the senior officer level;

annually determining the aggregate amount of awards to be made under our short-term incentive compensation plans and adjusting those amounts as it deems appropriate within

Michael J. Critelli

evaluating the performance of the Company Chairman and Eaton Corporation's Chief Executive Officer with input from all non-employee directors;

the terms of those plans;

Charles E. Golden

Linda A. Hill

reviewing the performance evaluations of the other senior officers;

annually determining the individual awards to be made to our senior officers under our short- and long-term incentive compensation plans;

Arthur E. Johnson

reviewing succession planning for the Company's

administering our stock plans; reviewing compensation practices as they relate to key employees to confirm that those plans remain equitable and competitive;

Chairman and Eaton Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and for other key officer positions;

reviewing significant new employee benefit plans or significant changes in such plans or changes with a disproportionate effect on our officers or primarily benefiting key employees; and

reviewing our practices for recruiting and developing a diverse talent pool;

determining the annual salaries and short- and long-term incentive opportunities for our senior officers;

preparing an annual report for our proxy statement regarding executive compensation.

establishing performance objectives under our short- and long-term incentive compensation plans and assessing

performance against these objectives;

Additional information on the Committee's processes and procedures is contained in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis portion of this proxy statement beginning on page 28.

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**Executive Committee**

**Craig Arnold**

**(Chair)**

Each non-employee director serves a four-month term

The functions of the Executive Committee include:

acting on matters requiring Board action during the intervals between Board meetings; and

carrying out any function of the Board except for filling Board or Committee vacancies.

Mr. Arnold joined the Committee on June 1, 2016 and serves as Committee Chair. Each of the non-employee directors serves a four-month term on this Committee. The Committee did not meet in 2016.

**Finance Committee**

Met 2 times in 2016

**Sandra Pianalto**

**(Chair)**

Todd M. Bluedorn

Christopher M. Connor

Gerald B. Smith

Dorothy C. Thompson

The functions of the Finance Committee include:

the periodic review of our financial condition and the recommendation of financial policies to the Board;

analyzing Company policy regarding its debt-to-equity relationship;

reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding our dividend policy;

reviewing our cash flow, proposals for long- and short-term debt financing and the financial risk management program;

meeting with and reviewing the performance of the management pension committees and any other fiduciaries appointed by the Board for pension and profit-sharing retirement plans; and

reviewing the key assumptions used to calculate annual pension expense.

**Governance Committee**

Met 3 times in 2016

**Arthur E. Johnson**

The responsibilities of the Governance Committee include:

**(Chair)**

Michael J. Critelli

recommending to the Board improvements in our corporate governance processes and any changes in the Board Governance Policies;

reviewing and recommending to the Board the nomination of directors for re-election;

Charles E. Golden

Policies;

overseeing the orientation of new directors and the ongoing education of the Board;

Linda A. Hill

advising the Board on changes in the size and composition of the Board;

recommending to the Board compensation of non-employee directors;

Deborah L. McCoy

annually submitting to the Board candidates for members and chairs of each standing Board committee;

administering the Board's policy on director retirements and resignations; and

Gregory R. Page

in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of Eaton

Corporation, identifying and recommending to the Board candidates for Board membership;

establishing guidelines and procedures to be used by the directors to evaluate the Board's performance.

Other responsibilities include providing oversight on significant public policy issues with respect to our relationships with shareholders, employees, customers, competitors, suppliers and the communities in which we operate, including such areas as ethics, compliance, environmental, health and safety issues, community relations, government relations, charitable contributions and shareholder relations.

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### **Proposal 1: Election of Directors Leadership Structure**

#### **Committee Charters and Policies**

The Board committee charters are available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

In addition to the Board of Directors Governance Policies, certain other policies relating to corporate governance matters are adopted from time to time by Board committees, or by the Board itself upon recommendation of the committees.

#### **BOARD MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Board of Directors held four meetings in 2016. Each of the directors attended at least 90% of the meetings of the Board and the committees on which he or she served. The average rate of attendance for all directors was 95%.

The policy of the Board of Directors is that all directors should attend the annual general meetings of shareholders. At the 2016 annual general meeting held April 27, 2016, 13 of the 14 members of the Board at that time were in attendance.

#### **BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICIES**

The Board revised the Board of Directors Governance Policies most recently in February 2016, as recommended by the Governance Committee of the Board. The revised Governance Policies are available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS**

The Board's policy is that the non-employee directors, all of whom qualify as independent under the criteria of the Board of Directors and the New York Stock Exchange, meet in Executive Session at each regular Board meeting, without the Chairman or other members of management present, to discuss topics they deem appropriate. As described more fully in Leadership Structure below, the Lead Director chairs these Executive Sessions.

At each meeting of the Audit, Compensation and Organization, Finance and Governance Committees, the Committee members (all of whom qualify as independent) hold an Executive Session, without any members of our management present, to discuss topics they deem appropriate.

#### **LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Our governance structure follows a successful leadership model under which the Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Company. Recognizing that different leadership models may work well for other companies at different times depending upon individual circumstances, we believe that our Company has been well served by the combined Chief Executive Officer and Chairman leadership structure and that this approach has continued to be highly effective with the addition of a Lead Director. We believe we have benefited greatly from having a Chairman who sets the tone and direction for the Company while also having the primary

responsibility as Chief Executive Officer for managing Eaton's day-to-day operations, and allowing the Board to carry out its strategic, governance, oversight and decision-making responsibilities with the equal involvement of each director.

Our Board is composed primarily of independent directors, except for our Chairman, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Fearon. Of our 10 non-employee directors, five are currently serving or have served as a chief executive officer of a publicly traded company. The Audit, Compensation and Organization, Finance and Governance Committees are chaired by independent directors. Our Chairman has benefited from the extensive leadership experience represented on our Board of Directors.

The Board evaluates the leadership structure annually, and it will continue to do so as circumstances change, including when a new Chief Executive Officer is elected. In its February 2017 annual evaluation, the Board concluded that the current leadership structure under which the Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation serves as Chairman of the Board of the Company, our Board committees are chaired by independent directors, and a Lead Director assumes specific responsibilities on behalf of the independent directors remains the optimal board leadership structure for our Company and our shareholders at the present time.



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### **Proposal 1: Election of Directors** Communicating with the Board

#### **Lead Director**

Christopher M. Connor, who has served on Eaton's Board since 2006, was first elected Lead Director by our independent directors in 2016. The Lead Director has specific responsibilities, including chairing meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is not present (including Executive Sessions of the Board), approving the agenda and schedule for Board meetings on behalf of the independent directors, approving information sent to the Board, serving as liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors, and being available for consultation and direct communications with shareholders and other Company stakeholders. The Lead Director has the authority to call meetings of the independent directors and to retain outside advisors who report directly to the Board of Directors. The Lead Director's performance is assessed annually by the Board in a process led by the Chair of the Governance Committee, and the position of Lead Director is elected annually by our independent directors.

#### **OVERSIGHT OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

Management continually monitors the material risks facing the Company, including strategic risk, financial risk, operational risk, and legal and compliance risk. The Board of Directors has chosen to retain overall responsibility for risk assessment and oversight at the Board level in light of the interrelated nature of the elements of risk, rather than delegating this responsibility to a Board committee. The Board is responsible for overseeing the strategic planning process and reviewing and monitoring management's execution of the corporate and business plan. As described below, the Board receives assistance from certain of its committees for the identification and monitoring of those risks that are related to the committees' areas of focus as described in each committee charter. The Board and its committees exercise their risk oversight function by carefully evaluating the reports they receive from management and by making inquiries of management with respect to areas of particular interest to the Board.

The Audit Committee considers risks related to internal controls, disclosure, financial reporting and legal and compliance matters. Among other processes, the Audit Committee meets regularly in closed-door sessions with our internal and external auditors and senior leaders of Eaton Corporation, including the senior members of the Finance function, the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and the Senior Vice President-Global Ethics and Compliance. As described more fully in the section entitled "Relationship Between Compensation Plans and Risk" on page 49, the Compensation and Organization Committee reviews risks associated with the Company's compensation programs to ensure that incentive compensation arrangements for senior executives do not encourage inappropriate risk taking. The Governance Committee considers risks related to corporate governance, such as director independence and related person transactions, and risks associated with the environment, health and safety.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS**

We have a Code of Ethics that was approved by the Board of Directors. We provide training globally for all employees on our Code of Ethics. We require that all directors, officers and employees of the Company, our subsidiaries and affiliates, abide by our Code of Ethics, which is available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>. In addition, we will disclose on our website any waiver of or amendment to our Code of Ethics requiring disclosure under applicable rules.

## COMMUNICATING WITH THE BOARD

The Board of Directors provides a process for shareholders and other interested parties to send communications to the Board, individual directors or the non-employee directors as a group. Shareholders and other interested parties may send such communications by mail or courier delivery addressed as follows:

Company Secretary

Eaton Corporation plc

Eaton House

30 Pembroke Road

Dublin 4, Ireland

D04 Y0C2

Email messages to the directors may be sent to [Board@eaton.com](mailto:Board@eaton.com).

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Generally, the Company Secretary forwards all such communications to the Lead Director. The Lead Director determines whether the communications should be forwarded to other members of the Board and forwards them accordingly. For communications addressed to a particular member of the Board, the Chair of a particular Board committee or the non-employee directors as a group, the Company Secretary forwards those communications directly to those individuals.

Alternatively, correspondence may be sent to:

Lead Director

Eaton Corporation plc

Eaton House

30 Pembroke Road

Dublin 4, Ireland

D04 Y0C2

The Secretary maintains a log of all correspondence addressed to the Board and, except as noted below, forwards all communications to the interested directors. For example, correspondence on a financial topic would be sent to the Chair of the Finance or Audit Committees, and correspondence on governance topics to the Lead Director or Chair of the Governance Committee.

The Secretary makes periodic reports to the Governance Committee regarding correspondence from shareholders and other interested parties.

Derivative shareholder communications and demands for inspection of company records should be sent to the Secretary who will promptly disseminate such communications to the entire Board. The Board will consult with the General Counsel or his designee to determine appropriate action.

The directors have requested that communications that do not directly relate to their duties and responsibilities as our directors be excluded from distribution and deleted from email that they access directly. Such excluded items include spam, advertisements, mass mailings, form letters and email campaigns that involve unduly large numbers of similar communications, solicitations for goods, services, employment or contributions, surveys and individual product inquiries or complaints. Additionally, communications that appear to be unduly hostile, intimidating, threatening, illegal or similarly inappropriate will be screened for omission. Any omitted or deleted communications will be made available to any director upon request.



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### **Proposal 2: Approving Amendments to the Articles of Association to Implement Proxy Access**

In connection with a review of the Company's corporate governance practices, the Board decided to proactively propose the adoption of proxy access. Therefore, the Board is recommending that shareholders approve amendments to the Company's Articles of Association to implement proxy access. Proxy access will allow eligible shareholders to include their own nominees for election to the Board in the Company's proxy materials, along with the nominees nominated by the Board. The Board is committed to strong corporate governance practices and believes that proxy access is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Board believes that the implementation of proxy access in the manner set forth in this Proposal 2 will provide meaningful rights to shareholders while ensuring the rights are used by shareholders in a responsible manner. The Board recommends the implementation of proxy access and, as required under Irish law, now seeks shareholder approval for its adoption.

As required under Irish law, the resolution in this respect of Proposal 2 is a special resolution that requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 75% of the votes cast.

Because the amendments to the Articles of Association contemplated by this Proposal 2 reference provisions in the amendments to the Articles of Association contemplated by Proposal 3 relating to the amendment of the advance notice provisions of the Articles of Association, the approval of this Proposal 2 is contingent upon the approval of Proposal 3.

THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF PROPOSAL 2 IS AS FOLLOWS:

*As a special resolution that the Articles of Association be and are hereby amended in the manner provided in Appendix A of the Proxy Statement.*

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the approval of the amendments to the Company's Articles of Association to implement proxy access.

#### **Description of the Proxy Access Amendments**

The description of the following proposed amendments is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the proposed amendments, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A. We urge you to read Appendix A in its entirety before casting your vote.

#### **Shareholder Eligibility to Nominate Directors**

The Company will include in its proxy materials shareholder director nominees to the Board if the shareholder and the director nominee satisfy the proxy access requirements under the Articles of Association, including the timely delivery of a shareholder notice.

Any shareholder or group of not more than twenty shareholders that has maintained ownership of at least 3% of the Company's shares continuously for at least three years as of the date of the shareholder notice will be permitted to include a specified number of director nominees in the Company's proxy materials for the annual general meeting, subject to the conditions below.

#### **Number of Shareholder Nominees**

The maximum number of shareholder nominees nominated by all eligible shareholders that the Company will be required to include in its proxy materials shall not exceed the greater of (i) two and (ii) 20% of the number of Directors in office as of the last day on which a notice of proxy access nomination may be delivered to the Company. Any nominee who is included by the Board in the Company's proxy materials as an unopposed (by the Company) nominee pursuant to an agreement with a shareholder or group of shareholders and any nominees who were previously elected to the Board as shareholder nominees at any of the preceding two annual general meetings will be counted against the nominee limit.

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### **Proposal 2: Approving Amendments to the Articles of Association to Implement Proxy Access**

#### **Calculation of Qualifying Ownership**

In order to ensure that the interests of shareholders seeking to include director nominees in the Company's proxy materials are aligned with those of other shareholders, a shareholder will be deemed to own only those shares of the Company as to which the shareholder possesses both (1) the full voting and investment rights pertaining to such shares and (2) the full economic interest in (including the opportunity for profit and risk of loss on) such shares. The following shares will not count as owned shares for purposes of determining whether the ownership threshold has been met:

- shares sold in any transaction that has not been settled or closed;
- shares borrowed or purchased pursuant to an agreement to resell; and
- shares subject to any derivative or similar agreement in respect of the Company's shares, which instrument or agreement has the purpose or effect of (1) reducing the full right to vote or direct the voting of any such shares and/or (2) hedging, offsetting or altering the gain or loss arising from the full economic ownership of such shares.

A shareholder will be deemed to own shares held in the name of a nominee or other intermediary so long as the person retains the full voting and investment rights and the full economic interest in the shares. A shareholder's ownership of shares will be deemed to continue during any period in which such shareholder delegated any voting power by means of proxy, power of attorney or other instrument or arrangement that is revocable at any time by the shareholder. A shareholder's ownership of shares will also be deemed to continue during any period in which such person has loaned the shares if the person has the power to recall the loaned shares on not more than five business days' notice.

#### **Information in Proxy Statement**

The Company will include in its proxy statement:

- the names of the director nominees;
- information set forth in the Schedule 14N concerning each director nominee and eligible shareholder; and
- if the eligible shareholder elects, a written statement of up to 500 words in support of the director nominee. The Company will be permitted to omit any information or statement that the Company, in good faith, believes is untrue in any material respect or would violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or listing standard.

#### **Information Required From All Nominating Shareholders**

Each shareholder seeking to include a director nominee in the Company's proxy materials will be required to provide certain information to the Company, including but not limited to:

- a copy of the Schedule 14N filed by the shareholder(s) with the SEC;

a written statement and information regarding, the stock ownership of the shareholder; and  
in the case of a nomination by a group of shareholders, the designation by all group members of one group member that is authorized to act on behalf of all group members with respect to the nomination and all related matters.  
Each shareholder will also be required to make certain representations to, and agreements with, the Company, including but not limited to, that the shareholder:

- will provide a written statement and information regarding the stock ownership of the shareholder;
- acquired the shares in the ordinary course of business and does not have any intent to change or influence control of the Company;
- has not and will not nominate for election any person as a director other than its nominee(s);
- has not and will not engage or participate in a solicitation in support of any person as a director other than its nominee(s) or a nominee of the Board;
- will not distribute any form of proxy for the annual general meeting other than the form distributed by the Company;
- will assume liability arising out of the nominating shareholder's communications with the Company and its shareholders;
- will indemnify the Company and its directors, officers and employees for liability arising from or relating to the shareholder's communications with Company shareholders or information provided to the Company in connection with the annual general meeting;
- will comply with applicable laws, rules, regulations and listing standards;



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will file with the SEC any solicitation or other communication relating to the annual general meeting, directors or nominee(s); and

will provide such additional information as reasonably requested by the Company.

Each director nominee will deliver a signed written representation and agreement to the Company setting forth that the director nominee is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding:

as to how the director nominee will act or vote on any issue or question that has not been disclosed to the Company; that could limit or interfere with the director nominee's ability to comply with fiduciary duties; and with any person or entity other than the Company with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director or nominee that has not been disclosed to the Company.

Each director nominee will deliver a signed written consent to serve as a Director, to have the nominee's name in the proxy materials and to the public disclosure of information provided to the Company and a written representation and agreement:

to comply with the Articles of Association of the Company and all publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Company; and

that the nominee intends to serve as a Director for the full term for which the nominee is standing for election.

Each director nominee will also submit all completed and signed questionnaires required and provide to the Company such other information as reasonably requested by the Company.

If any information or communications provided by any eligible shareholder or nominee is not, when provided, or thereafter ceases to be true, correct and complete in all material respects, the eligible shareholder or nominee shall promptly notify the Company and provide the information that is required to make such information or communication true, correct and not misleading.

### **Nominating Procedures**

In order to provide adequate time to assess shareholder-nominated nominees, requests to include director nominees in the Company's proxy materials must be received no later than 120 days, and no earlier than 150 days, before the first anniversary of the date that the Company's definitive proxy statement was first released to shareholders in connection with the prior year's annual general meeting.

### **Exclusion of Shareholder Nominees**

The Company will not be required to include a nominee in the Company's proxy materials if, among other things:

the eligible shareholder or the nominee breaches any of its agreements, representations or warranties in a shareholder notice or otherwise submitted, any information submitted was not, when provided, true, correct and complete or the eligible shareholder or nominee otherwise fails to comply with its obligations under the Articles of Association;

the nominee is not independent under applicable listing standards, rules of the SEC and publicly disclosed standards used by the Board, is or has been an officer or director of a competitor within the past three years, is a named subject of a pending criminal proceeding or has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses) within the past 10 years or is subject to any order of the type specified in Rule 506(d) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

the Company has received a notice that a shareholder intends to nominate a nominee pursuant to advance notice provisions of the Articles of Association;

the election of the nominee would cause the Company to violate its Memorandum or Articles of Association or any applicable law, rule, regulation or listing standard; or

the eligible shareholder fails to continuously own the required shares.

In addition, the Board or the chairman of the annual general meeting will disregard a nomination if the shareholder does not appear at the annual general meeting in person. The Board shall have the power and authority to interpret the Articles of Association and to make all determinations necessary or advisable to apply the proxy access provisions in the Articles of Association.

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**Proposal 2: Approving Amendments to the Articles of Association to Implement Proxy Access**

**Procedure if Nominee Limit Is Exceeded**

Any shareholder or group of shareholders that submits more than one nominee for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials will be required to rank its nominees. If the number of nominees exceeds the nominee limit, the highest ranking eligible nominee from each shareholder or group of shareholders will be included in the Company's proxy materials until the limit is reached, beginning with the shareholder or group of shareholders with the largest number of shares.

**Future Disqualification of Shareholder Nominees and Nominating Shareholders**

Any nominee who is included in the Company's proxy materials but withdraws from or becomes ineligible or unavailable for election at the annual general meeting will be ineligible for nomination at the following two annual general meetings.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the amendments to the Company's Articles of Association to implement proxy access in the manner described above.

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### **Proposal 3: Approving Amendments to the Articles of Association regarding Bringing Shareholder Business and Making Director Nominations at an Annual General Meeting**

In connection with a review of the Company's corporate governance practices, the Board decided to propose amendments to the Company's Articles of Association regarding how business is properly requested by a shareholder to be brought before an annual general meeting (amendments to Article 59) and how shareholders may nominate persons for election as Directors at an annual general meeting (amendments to Article 76). The Board is committed to strong corporate governance practices and believes that the proposed amendments are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Board recommends the implementation of the amendments to Articles 59 and 76 and, as required under Irish law, now seeks shareholder approval for their adoption.

As required under Irish law, the resolution in respect of Proposal 3 is a special resolution that requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 75% of the votes cast.

THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF PROPOSAL 3 IS AS FOLLOWS:

*As a special resolution that the Articles of Association be and are hereby amended in the manner provided in Appendix B of the Proxy Statement.*

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the approval of the amendments to the Company's Articles of Association regarding bringing shareholder business and making director nominations at an annual general meeting.

#### **Description of Amendments**

The description of the following proposed amendments is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the proposed amendments, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix B. We urge you to read Appendix B in its entirety before casting your vote.

#### **Article 59**

In conjunction with the proxy access amendments described in Proposal 2, the Board is proposing to amend Article 59 to change the deadline for business to be properly requested by a shareholder to be brought before an annual general meeting and clarify what information the shareholder must provide related to the business to be brought before an annual general meeting. The Article 59 amendments specify that the shareholder notice must be received no later than 90 days, and no earlier than 120 days, before the first anniversary of the date that the Company's definitive proxy statement was first released to shareholders in connection with the prior year's annual general meeting. Currently under Article 59, shareholder notices must be received no later than 60 days, and no earlier than 90 days. This change aligns the deadline for proposing business with the deadline for shareholders to nominate persons for appointment as Directors other than nominations pursuant to the proxy access provisions of the new Article 78A.

The Article 59 amendments also clarify certain information that must be provided to the Company including:

That if notice is provided by the shareholder on behalf of a beneficial owner then information must be provided as to both the shareholder and beneficial owner;

That if the shareholder or the beneficial owner on whose behalf the business is being proposed is an entity then certain information as to share ownership and agreements between parties must be provided as to the proposing entity as well as to any director, executive, managing member or other control person of the entity.

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Clarifying that the shareholder must update the Company if the information provided in its notice changes prior to the annual general meeting; and

Requiring that the shareholder and beneficial owner (if any) agree to public disclosure of the information provided to the Company pursuant to Article 59.

**Article 76**

In conjunction with the proxy access amendments described in Proposal 2, the Board is proposing to amend Article 76 to change the deadline that nominations of persons for appointment as Directors may be made by other than complying with the new proxy access requirements in the new Article 78A and clarify what information the shareholder must provide related to such nominations. The Board is proposing to amend Article 76 to specify that for nominations to be timely, the shareholder notice must be received no later than 90 days, and no earlier than 120 days, before the first anniversary of the date that the Company's definitive proxy statement was first released to shareholders in connection with the prior year's annual general meeting. Currently under Article 76, shareholder notices must be received no later than 60 days, and no earlier than 90 days. This change is desirable in light of the provisions of the proxy access right in the new Article 78A, which provides that the right is not available if a shareholder makes a nomination pursuant to Article 76. Further, these time periods are more in line with common market practice. Changing the deadline for nominations pursuant to Article 76 will allow the Company to have sufficient time to review any submissions pursuant to Article 76 and 78A to determine which shareholder nominated director candidates will be eligible for election at the annual general meeting.

The Article 76 amendments also clarify certain information that must be provided to the Company including:

That if notice is provided by the shareholder on behalf of a beneficial owner then information must be provided as to both the shareholder and beneficial owner;

That if the shareholder or the beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is being made is an entity then certain information as to share ownership and agreements between parties must be provided as to the proposing entity as well as to any director, executive, managing member or other control person of the entity.

Clarifying that the shareholder must update the Company if the information provided in its notice changes prior to the annual general meeting;

Requiring representations that the director nominee proposed by the shareholder has disclosed agreements between the nominee and other parties relating to the nominee's actions and compensation as a nominee and as a director if elected and that the nominee is not party to an agreement that could limit or interfere with the nominee's ability to comply with fiduciary duties;

Requiring a representation that the nominee proposed by the shareholder intends to serve as a director for the full term for which the nominee is standing for election; and

Requiring that the shareholder and beneficial owner (if any) agree to public disclosure of the information provided to the Company pursuant to Article 76.

In addition, some clarification amendments to definitions and adjournments to meetings are being proposed.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this proposal to approve the amendments to the Articles of Association regarding bringing shareholder business and making director nominations at an annual general meeting.

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### **Proposal 4: Appointment of Independent Auditor and Authorization of Audit Committee to Set Auditor Remuneration**

Shareholders are being asked to appoint our independent auditor and to authorize the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors to set the auditor's remuneration. Appointment of the independent auditor and authorization of the Audit Committee to set its remuneration require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of ordinary shares represented at the annual general meeting in person or by proxy. The Audit Committee and the Board recommend that shareholders reappoint Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditor to audit our accounts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 and authorize the Audit Committee of the Board to set the auditor's remuneration.

A representative of Ernst & Young LLP will be present at the annual general meeting to answer any questions concerning the independent auditor's areas of responsibility and will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she desires to do so.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for assisting the Board in overseeing: (1) the integrity of the Company's consolidated financial statements and its systems of internal accounting and financial controls, (2) the independence, qualifications and performance of the Company's independent auditor, (3) the performance of the Company's internal auditors, and (4) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Committee's specific responsibilities, as described in its charter, include the sole authority to appoint, terminate and compensate the Company's independent auditor, and to pre-approve all audit services and other permitted non-audit services to be provided to the Company by the independent auditor. The Committee is currently comprised of five directors, all of whom are independent under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Board of Directors' own independence criteria.

The Board of Directors amended the Committee's charter most recently on October 25, 2016. A copy of the charter is available on the Company's website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

The Audit Committee has retained Ernst & Young LLP as Eaton's independent auditor for 2017. Ernst & Young has been the independent auditor for the Company or its predecessor since 1923. The members of the Audit Committee and the Board believe that due to Ernst & Young's deep knowledge of the Company and of the industries in which the Company operates, it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to continue retention of Ernst & Young to serve as Eaton's independent auditor.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Audit Committee has reviewed, and has discussed with the Company's management and independent auditor, the Company's 2016 audited consolidated financial statements and the assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Committee has also discussed with Ernst & Young the matters required to be discussed by applicable auditing standards.

The Committee has received the written disclosures from Ernst & Young regarding their independence from the Company that are required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditor's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, has discussed with Ernst & Young their independence and has considered whether their provision of non-audit services to the Company is compatible with their independence. Based upon the foregoing review and discussions, the Committee



recommended to the Board that the financial statements be included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and annual report to shareholders.

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For 2016 and 2015, Ernst & Young's fees to the Company and certain of its subsidiaries were as follows:

	2016	2015
Audit Fees	\$21.2 million	\$25.7 million
Includes Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 attest services		
Audit-Related Fees	\$0.3 million	\$0.3 million
Includes business acquisitions and divestitures		
Tax Fees	\$2.1 million	\$3.7 million
Tax compliance services	\$1.2 million	\$2.2 million
Tax advisory services	\$0.9 million	\$1.5 million
All Other Fees	\$0	\$0

The Audit Committee approved all of the services shown in the above three categories in accordance with the Audit Committee's pre-approval process. The Audit Committee did not approve any of the services shown in the above three categories through the use of the de minimis exception permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

The Audit Committee has adopted the following procedure for pre-approving audit services and other services to be provided by the Company's independent auditor: specific services are pre-approved from time to time by the Committee or by the Committee Chair on its behalf. As to any services approved by the Committee Chair, the approval is made in writing and is reported to the Committee at the following meeting of the Committee.

Based upon the Committee's reviews and discussions referred to above, and in reliance upon them, the Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for 2016 be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K, and the Board has approved their inclusion.

Respectfully submitted to the Company's shareholders by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Gerald B. Smith, Chair

Deborah L. McCoy

Gregory R. Page

Sandra Pianalto

Dorothy C. Thompson

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this proposal to approve the appointment of the independent auditor and authorize the Audit Committee to set auditor remuneration.

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**Proposal 5: Advisory Approval of the Company's Executive Compensation**

We are asking our shareholders to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement. Although this is an advisory vote, and therefore not binding on our Board of Directors, the Board and the Compensation and Organization Committee will review and consider the voting results when making future decisions regarding our executive compensation programs.

This say-on-pay vote is required under U.S. law, and we consider it to be a matter of good corporate governance. This vote takes place annually and the next advisory vote to approve the Company's executive compensation will occur at the 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders.

As we explain in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis that follows, our executive compensation programs are designed to attract, motivate, reward and retain our named executive officers, who are critical to the success of our Company. Our programs reward our named executive officers for achieving specific annual, long-term and strategic goals, and also for increasing shareholder value.

**NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**As part of our pay for performance culture,**

**our executive compensation plans include the following:**

On average, 80% of our named executive officers' compensation is performance based.

Our plans deliver awards below target, or none at all, when Eaton Corporation's performance does not meet threshold levels.

Our executive incentive programs are intended to deliver target awards when our performance aligns with our peer group median performance, and awards exceeding 150% of target when our performance is at or above the top quartile of our peer group.

**Other features of these programs include:**

Our share ownership requirements range from one times base salary for our general managers to six times base salary for the Company's Chairman and CEO of

Eaton Corporation;

Our incentive plan payouts are capped to prevent unintended windfalls;

Our compensation clawback policy allows us to recover incentive compensation in case of employee misconduct that causes the need for a material restatement of financial results; and

We do not enter into employment contracts with any of our salaried U.S. employees, including the named executive officers.

The Compensation and Organization Committee continually reviews the compensation programs for named executive officers to ensure that they achieve the desired goals of aligning our executive compensation structure with our shareholders' interests and current market practices. All Committee members are independent directors committed to applying sound governance practices to compensation decisions.

We strongly encourage you to review the Compensation Discussion and Analysis that follows. It contains information about the extensive processes the Committee follows, and the factors it considers, when establishing performance and

pay targets and approving actual payments from our short- and long-term performance-based incentive plans. The Committee's process includes reviewing a variety of reports and analyses such as market survey data, compensation tally sheets, compensation at peer companies, and reports from proxy advisory firms. The Compensation Discussion and Analysis also describes the structure of our compensation programs and the 2016 compensation of our named executive officers.

We believe that our executive compensation design and strategy is a critical factor in motivating our executives to seek innovative solutions that contribute to Eaton's continued success. We are therefore asking shareholders to approve the following advisory resolution at the 2017 annual general meeting:

*RESOLVED, that the Company's shareholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2017 annual general meeting of shareholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the 2016 Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure.*

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR advisory approval of executive compensation.

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### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

In this Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A), we discuss our pay for performance philosophy, our pay-setting process, the components of our executive compensation program, and the compensation of our named executive officers for 2016. We also explain our performance metrics in detail and review our executive compensation policies.

Please note that the use of *we*, *us* or *our* throughout this CD&A refers to the Company, its subsidiaries or its management. In addition, the use of *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer* or *CEO* throughout this CD&A refers to Craig Arnold, Chairman of the Company and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation as of June 1, 2016 and Alexander M. Cutler prior to June 1, 2016.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This section provides a summary of the performance metrics and actual results for the incentive plans in which our named executive officers and other executives participated for the year ending December 31, 2016. For 2016, our named executive officers are:

Craig Arnold, Chairman of the Company and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation  
Alexander M. Cutler, Retired Chairman of the Company and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation  
Richard H. Fearon, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer of Eaton Corporation  
Revathi Advaiti, Chief Operating Officer Electrical Sector of Eaton Corporation  
Uday Yadav, Chief Operating Officer Industrial Sector of Eaton Corporation  
Mark M. McGuire, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Eaton Corporation

#### **Executive Compensation Philosophy**

We design our executive compensation plans and programs to help attract, motivate, reward, and retain highly qualified executives who are capable of creating and sustaining value for our shareholders over the long term. We endorse compensation actions that fairly reflect Company performance as well as the responsibilities and personal performance of individual executives.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

Our executive compensation programs are intended to align the interests of our executives with those of our stakeholders and are structured to reflect best practices. On average, 80% of our named executive officers compensation is performance-based and tied to our short- and long-term incentive programs. Key features of these programs include:

- Caps on potential payouts under our short- and long-term incentive plans;
- Shareholder-approved short-term and long-term incentive plans;
- A clawback policy;
- A policy that prohibits hedging or pledging of our shares;
- Share ownership and holding requirements;
- No tax gross-ups;

No employment contracts; and,  
Double-trigger equity vesting upon a change in control.

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**Pay for Performance Culture**

Our executive compensation programs reflect the belief that the amount earned by our executives must, to a significant extent, depend on achieving rigorous Company, business unit and individual performance objectives designed to enhance shareholder value. In prior years, we illustrated the correlation between cumulative shareholder returns and Mr. Cutler's compensation over his tenure as CEO. Given our leadership transition and the distortion in pay that primarily results from the change in the form of our long-term performance-based incentive plan described on page 31, we have modified the pay and performance illustration to show the payouts as a percentage of target under our performance-based annual and long-term incentive programs and total return to shareholders over the last five years. The table clearly illustrates the correlation between pay and the performance we are delivering to our shareholders.

**Total Shareholder Return and Performance-Based Incentive Plan Payouts**

\* There was no payout under the long-term performance-based plan (ESIP) in 2012.

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**Summary of 2016 Performance-Based Incentive Plan Payouts**

**SHORT-TERM INCENTIVES**

Goals under our short-term, performance-based incentive plan were achieved at 92% of target but the Committee elected to reduce the payout to 85%. The Committee's decision to reduce the award, along with other efforts such as restructuring actions, reducing discretionary spending, and tightening inventory controls helped fulfill our commitments to our investors despite the impact that sluggish market conditions had on Eaton's earnings and revenue in 2016. A bonus pool equal to 1.5% of Annual Net Income served as the initial funding mechanism for our Senior Executive Incentive Compensation Plan (Senior EIC Plan). In addition, the Committee established Operating Earnings Per Share (EPS) (which exclude acquisition integration charges) and Cash Flow Return on Gross Capital (CFR) goals that also are used in determining actual awards. For 2016, the target EPS and CFR objectives were \$4.30 and 16.8%, respectively. Actual EPS and CFR were \$4.22 and 16.1%.

**2016 EXECUTIVE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN GOALS AND RESULTS**

**LONG-TERM INCENTIVES**

Our long-term, performance-based Executive Strategic Incentive Plan (ESIP) achieved a 25% payout for the 2013-2016 award period. The target cumulative EPS and CFR goals for the 2013-2016 award period were \$21.34 and 20.4%, respectively. Our actual cumulative EPS over the four-year award period of \$17.32 was below the threshold level necessary to earn a payment for the EPS growth metric but actual average CFR of 16.8% exceeded the CFR threshold of 8%.

2013-2016 ESIP opportunities took the form of phantom share units based on our share price at the beginning of the award period in 2013 and were settled in cash based on the share price at the end of the award period in 2016. Therefore, appreciation in Eaton's share price over the four-year award period impacted the value that our executives realized from the ESIP awards, which is consistent with our policy of aligning their interests with those of our shareholders.

**2013-2016 EXECUTIVE STRATEGIC INCENTIVE PLAN GOALS AND RESULTS**

Additional information about our annual and long-term incentive plans begins on page 39.

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**Review of 2016 Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation**

The Board of Directors is committed to understanding the views of our shareholders by providing an opportunity to endorse our executive compensation through an advisory, non-binding vote. In 2016, our shareholders approved our executives' compensation by a vote of 94%.

The Committee considered these voting results, shareholder feedback, as well as a comprehensive assessment of Eaton's executive compensation programs and decided to change the performance criteria for our long-term ESIP beginning in 2016. This change is summarized below and the change to the vesting of shares into retirement is discussed on page 34. The Committee will continue to review our compensation programs each year in light of the annual say-on-pay voting results and shareholder feedback.



**Change to Performance-Based Long-Term Incentive Performance Criteria**

Effective with the 2016-2018 ESIP period, awards will be determined based on our total return to shareholders (TSR) ranked against a group of companies (TSR Peer Group). Consistent with our historical practice, awards under this plan design are capped at 200% of target.

Prior to 2016, awards were determined based on company performance versus operating EPS growth and CFR goals. In setting the EPS growth and CFR goals for the prior periods, the Board would evaluate our Strategic Plan projections and analysts' estimates of peer company performance; however, the impact of changes in market growth rates has had a disproportionate impact on actual versus forecasted results and it has become increasingly difficult to forecast absolute performance against our peers. Therefore, the Committee changed the performance criteria to relative TSR which alleviates the increasingly difficult market calibration issue and introduces a stronger sense of relative peer performance. This change also eliminates any concern about the use of overlapping EPS and CFR criteria in our short-term incentive plans (Senior EIC and EIC) and our performance-based long term incentive plan (ESIP). The short-term incentive plans will continue to focus on annual EPS and CFR goals. We and the Committee believe a short-term plan with an earnings growth and return on assets orientation (via the EPS and CFR goals) complemented by a TSR-driven long-term plan is an effective combination that will enhance shareholder value.

**Prior Year Changes That Impact the Summary Compensation Table**

Effective with the 2015-2017 award period, the Committee approved a change in the form of the ESIP opportunities from phantom shares that are settled in cash to performance share units that settle in our ordinary shares. The Committee made this change because the accounting treatment for share-based long-term performance awards is more favorable than it is for the cash-settled plans, which are subject to mark-to-market accounting. Although this change did not result in larger ESIP target or payout opportunities to participants, the change distorts Total Compensation reported in the Summary Compensation Table. The distortion occurs because we are reporting grants that were made in the most recently reported year as Stock Awards and the cash payout for the ESIP performance period that concluded in the reported year as Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation. This distortion occurred in 2015 and 2016 and will occur in 2017, after which time the cash-based ESIP periods will have matured and there will be no more dual reporting of grants and payouts in the Summary Compensation Table.

**2016 Summary Compensation Table**

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
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**2013-2016 ESIP LONG TERM CASH PERFORMANCE PLAN AWARD PERIOD**

**2016-2018 ESIP LONG TERM PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD PERIOD**

The payout from the cash plan for a prior performance period and the share grant under a new plan for the future performance period distorts reported compensation. The 2013-2016 ESIP award results in realized pay at the end of the 2013-2016 performance period, whereas the 2016-2018 grant will only result in realized pay at the end of 2018 if the Company achieves its performance criteria. The reporting of grants and payouts occurs until the final cash-settled ESIP period matures at the end of 2017.

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## 2016 CEO REALIZED PAY AND OUR PERFORMANCE

Our compensation programs for Mr. Arnold and the other named executive officers are heavily weighted toward performance-based opportunities that are at-risk and subject to our performance.

The table below illustrates the relationship between Mr. Arnold's and Mr. Cutler's target award opportunity and the amounts each actually earned based on our performance against the metrics established for the short- and long-term incentive plans that matured on December 31, 2016. Short- and long-term incentive plan metrics are intended to drive results that create value for our shareholders. This table supplements, but does not substitute, the information contained in the Summary Compensation Table on page 52. Further, each pay component shown below is discussed in more detail in the CD&A that follows.

**COMPENSATION REALIZED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EATON CORPORATION IN 2016****Realized by Our Chief Executive Officers in 2016**

Element	Period Earned	Description	Mr. Arnold Target	Amount Earned	Mr. Cutler Target
Base Compensation	2016	We generally target the market median when establishing base salaries. Mr. Arnold received a 10% increase on June 1, 2016 when he became Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation.	n/a	\$ 1,040,389	n/a
Incentive	2016	Mr. Arnold's target was prorated based on his promotion to Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Cutler's was prorated based on his retirement date. Mr. Arnold's actual award of 91% of his individual target and Mr. Cutler's of 94% are consistent with awards delivered to other executives. For more information on this payment, please see 2016 Short Term Incentive Awards .	\$ 1,483,334	\$ 1,346,011	\$ 812,500
Cash				\$ 2,386,400	
From Long-Term Incentives	2013-2016	Executives earned 25% of the target number of phantom share units that were granted in 2013. The number of phantom share units was multiplied by the average share price at the end of the award period to determine the	\$ 1,050,000 <i>expressed as</i> 18,700 <i>PSUs</i>	\$ 357,077	\$ 3,630,208 <i>expressed as</i> 64,532 <i>PSUs</i>

cash payment. Dividend equivalents also were paid based on the aggregate dividend paid to shareholders over the period and the final number of share units. Mr. Cutler's award was prorated based on the number of months he worked in the award period.

Exercises	2007-2016	The gains upon exercise of stock options were based on the stock price appreciation from 2007-2016. Additional details, including the number of shares exercised, are reported in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested table on page 57.	n/a \$ <b>3,106,089</b>	n/a
Vesting	2013-2016	This represents the vesting of stock awards that were granted in 2013, 2014, and 2015. Additional details are reported in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested table.	n/a \$ <b>646,794</b>	n/a
Other			<b>\$ 4,109,960</b>	
Other Compensation		Includes the items disclosed as Other Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table, such as use of our aircraft, financial planning reimbursement, and Company matching contributions to the Eaton Savings Plan.	n/a \$ <b>28,864</b>	n/a
<b>AGGREGATED COMPENSATION</b>			<b>\$ 6,525,224</b>	

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The realized pay table differs from the Summary Compensation Table in a number of ways, including:

In addition to pay actually received, the Summary Compensation Table includes the accounting value of equity compensation granted during the year, which may or may not ever be earned. In contrast, this realized pay table reports only the elements of compensation actually received and/or realized by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Cutler in 2016. Specifically, the values for equity awards in the realized pay table show the gross compensation (before applicable taxes) that Mr. Arnold and Mr. Cutler received in 2016 upon the exercise of stock options and the vesting of RSUs (as shown in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2016 table on page 57), regardless of when these options or awards were granted.

In addition, the realized pay table does not reflect compensation that is based upon pension value increases and above-market nonqualified deferred compensation earnings, although these amounts are included in the Summary Compensation Table. The Committee reviews compensation that is based upon the change in pension values and above-market nonqualified deferred compensation earnings as part of the Tally Sheet review discussed on page 36 in the context of a competitive overall benefit design and not as an element of its annual compensation decisions.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY**

We design our executive compensation plans and programs to help attract, motivate, reward, and retain highly qualified executives who are capable of creating and sustaining value for our shareholders over the long term. We endorse compensation actions that fairly reflect Company performance as well as the responsibilities and personal performance of individual executives.

**ROLE OF THE COMPENSATION AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE****Membership and Responsibilities**

The Compensation and Organization Committee of the Board of Directors in 2016 consisted of six independent non-employee directors and is supported by our human resources department. As discussed below, the Committee also may retain one or more independent compensation consultants to assist it.

The Committee is responsible for handling a variety of organizational and compensation matters pertaining to Eaton's leadership, including those shown in the table below.

**Compensation-related Tasks**

Reviews, approves, and administers all of our executive compensation plans, including our stock plans;

Establishes performance objectives under our short- and long-term incentive compensation plans;

**Organizational Tasks**

Evaluates the performance of the CEO, with input from all non-employee directors;

Reviews the performance capabilities of the other senior officers based on input from the CEO;



Determines the attainment of those performance objectives and the awards to be made to our senior officers under our short- and long-term incentive compensation plans;

Determines the compensation for our senior officers, including salary and short- and long-term incentive opportunities;

Reviews compensation practices relating to key employees to confirm that these practices remain equitable and competitive; and

Reviews new employee benefit plans or significant changes in such plans or changes with a disproportionate effect on our officers or primarily benefiting key employees.

The Committee's charter is available on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

Reviews succession planning for officer positions including the position of the CEO;

Reviews proposed organization or responsibility changes at the senior officer level; and

Reviews our practices for the recruitment and development of a diverse talent pool.

### **Use of Consultants**

The Committee retained Meridian Compensation Partners as its independent executive compensation consultant to support the Committee's oversight and management of our executive compensation programs. The consultant's duties include helping the Committee validate our executive compensation plans and programs through periodic comprehensive studies. The consultant performed a variety of work for the Committee, including assessing Eaton's executive compensation programs relative to market trends and best-in-class governance practices, providing independent feedback on our analytical work, and assisting the Committee in its review and discussion of material agenda items and its decision-making about our executive compensation programs and individual compensation opportunities. The consultant also coordinated and supported the annual performance appraisal for Mr. Arnold. The Committee used this appraisal as one of several factors in determining his payout under our short-term incentive plan for 2016 and also considered it in determining whether to adjust his base salary or his short- and long-term incentive targets for the next year.

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The Committee's written policies require the Company to obtain its review and approval before awarding any material consulting assignment to a firm that the Committee already has engaged. This policy ensures that the Committee's consultants are well positioned to provide independent and impartial advice on executive compensation and governance matters.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATION PROGRAMS FOR 2016**

The Committee made the following changes in 2016 to ensure plans and programs align with common practices in the external market.

**Change in Long-Term Performance Plan Performance Criteria**

Prior to 2016, awards were determined based on company performance versus operating EPS growth and CFR goals. In setting the EPS growth and CFR goals for the prior periods, the Board would evaluate our Strategic Plan projections and analysts' estimates of peer company performance; however, the impact of changes in market growth rates has had a disproportionate impact on actual versus forecasted results and it has become increasingly difficult to forecast absolute performance against our peers.

Effective with the 2016-2018 ESIP period, awards will be determined based on our total return to shareholders (TSR) ranked against that of the TSR Peer Group described on pages 36 and 42. Consistent with our historical practice, awards under this plan design are capped at 200% of target. Additionally, if our TSR is positive but ranks the lowest among the TSR Peer Group, the maximum payout that can be earned is 25% of target. If our TSR is the highest when compared to that of the peer companies, but is negative, then the maximum payout that can be earned is 100% of target.

The companies in the TSR Peer Group are listed on page 36. Fourteen of the companies in the TSR Peer Group are direct peers in either the Electrical, Hydraulics, Aerospace or Vehicle segments. The number of directly competitive peers in each segment roughly equates to the percentage of that segment's revenue as a percent of total Eaton revenues. We have also identified six indirect but relevant peers, which when combined with the Electrical peers represent the Electrical sector weightings within all of Eaton.

**Rationale:** The change in performance criteria will alleviate the market calibration issue and introduce a stronger sense of relative peer performance. We and the Committee believe a short-term plan with an earnings growth and

return on assets orientation (via the EPS and CFR goals) complemented by a TSR-driven long-term plan is an effective combination that will enhance shareholder value.

This new peer group will not be the primary compensation peer group that we use to set individual pay targets. Instead, we will continue to use the data reported in third-party surveys (as described on page 35) as our primary resource in setting pay for our executives.

## Vesting of Shares into Retirement

Effective March 1, 2016, equity grants may continue to vest according to the terms of the grant agreement for employees who are age 55 or older with 10 or more years of service who either (1) retire in good-standing or (2) who are terminated through no fault of their own due to a company action. (All scenarios are referred to as retirement for purposes of this topic.) Additionally, retirees will be able to exercise outstanding stock options for the remaining term of the grant. The Committee will retain its discretion to cancel shares in the event that (1) an executive does not provide proper notice of retirement or (2) retires and begins working for a competitor or (3) for any other reason the Committee determines is in Eaton's best interest.

Previously, all shares or options that would have otherwise vested within 12 months of retirement would have vested at retirement and all other outstanding equity grants were forfeited. Additionally, executives could exercise outstanding stock options for the lesser of five years or the remaining term of the stock option.

The continued vesting applies to time-based awards. We are not making changes to vesting practices for performance-based ESIP awards which are subject to proration for time worked in the performance period and to the company achieving the performance metrics for each respective award period. Any prorated ESIP awards earned by retired executives will be paid after the award period has ended and actual performance has been measured.

All long-term incentive plan participants will be eligible for this treatment. As of January 31, 2016, there were approximately 680 employees who were eligible for long-term incentive awards.

**Rationale:** The Committee reviewed surveys of external market practices which report that the majority of companies allow shares to vest beyond retirement. This change was made to align our practice with the most common practice in the market.

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This section explains the Committee's process for establishing and validating our pay targets. As shown in the table and described in detail below, this process involves several important analyses:

Analysis	Data Source	Purpose	How It's Used	When It's Conducted
<b>Market Analysis</b>	Aon Hewitt Associates and Towers Watson Executive Compensation databases	Setting pay for our executives	Setting base pay and short- and long-term incentive targets for the next year/award cycle	October – February
<b>Performance Assessments</b>	Executive feedback	Evaluating individual performance based on input from the CEO	Determining the short-term incentive award payments for the award period that recently ended and in determining merit increases and adjusting individual award opportunities for the next award cycle	November – January
<b>Tally Sheets</b>	Internal compensation and benefits data	Evaluating total remuneration and internal pay equity of our executives	Evaluating the total remuneration and projected payments to the named executive officers under various termination scenarios. This helps to determine if each executive's compensation package is appropriately aligned with that of internal peers and whether any adjustments to our compensation plans or programs, or an individual's pay package, is necessary.	February
<b>Peer Pay and Performance Analysis</b>	Publicly available financial and compensation information as reported by the companies that we have identified as peers	Evaluating pay and performance to validate individual compensation plans that were	Comparing pay and performance results with that of the peer group to determine the efficacy of the Total Compensation	July

for strategic planning purposes

established in February

Analysis and Planning Process .

This study also provides insight into how competitors establish their pay for performance profile.

### **Total Compensation Analysis and Planning Process (October February)**

We target total compensation to be within the median range of compensation paid by similarly sized industrial companies. We continuously monitor and assess the competitive retention and recruiting pressures in the industries and markets where we compete for executive talent. As a result, the Committee periodically has exercised its judgment to set target compensation levels of certain executives above the market median to foster retention.

Several different analyses play a role in the Committee's Total Compensation Analysis and Annual Planning Process:

**Market Analysis** From October through December of each year, our human resources department conducts a market analysis. First, we align our executives' positions with comparable positions as reported in surveys published by two national consulting firms, Aon Hewitt and Towers Watson. Then, in February, we prepare a comprehensive report for the Committee, which also is reviewed by its independent consultant, that compares our executives' compensation to the average of the surveys' median compensation data. This helps the Committee determine how each executive officer's compensation compares to current market practices.

In preparing our comparison for 2016, we used the survey results for industrial companies (as categorized by the survey vendors), whether publicly or privately held, with revenues between \$10 billion and \$50 billion. The group contains between 100 and 120 companies in which the revenue range is approximately one-half to two times our revenue. We feel this comparator group adequately represents the market in which we compete for talent. The companies participating in each survey vary, and we are not able to determine which of the companies reported data for each position and each component of pay.

**Analysis of Internal Pay Equity and our Current Pay Levels** Internal equity among similarly situated positions is an important consideration in establishing individual pay targets. We maintain internal equity by establishing approximately the same target incentive opportunities for similarly situated positions. When determining what positions are similarly situated, we consider the following aspects of each position: its essential functions, the ability of the position holder to influence our overall results, any educational requirements, where the position stands in our leadership ranks, and job demands such as frequent travel and the responsibility to respond to business matters at any time and under any circumstances.

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**Tally Sheets**    In addition to the market analysis, each February we provide the Committee with a comprehensive compensation Tally Sheet for each named executive officer. These Tally Sheets, which also are reviewed by the Committee's independent consultant, help the Committee evaluate total remuneration and internal pay equity. The Committee reviews them before making decisions about the compensation of the named executive officers for the next year. Each Tally Sheet includes all components of the executive's current compensation, including base salary, short-term incentive compensation, long-term cash incentive compensation, equity incentive compensation, retirement savings programs, health and welfare programs, and the cost of personal executive benefits. The Committee also reviews potential payments under various termination scenarios.

**Performance Assessments**    Assessments of executive performance are another key part of the Committee's Total Compensation Analysis and Planning Process. Mr. Arnold meets individually with his direct reports, including the named executive officers, to discuss the performance assessments for their respective direct reports and to formulate initial recommendations for an appropriate total compensation plan for each executive. No member of management, including Mr. Arnold, makes recommendations regarding his or her own pay. The Committee meets with its independent consultant in Executive Session (with no members of management in attendance) to review Mr. Arnold's performance assessment, the comprehensive market data for his position and his Tally Sheet to establish his total compensation plan.

**Evaluating Pay**

In July of each year, the Committee evaluates pay relative to external market data to validate the individual compensation opportunities that were established in February, and also considers whether we are setting appropriate performance hurdles. This process involves collecting and reviewing peer group information and third party survey data and analyzing it as described below.

**PEER GROUP ANALYSIS**

**Peer Group Selection**    We do not use a comparator group of companies to set individual compensation targets. However, in 2016, the Board of Directors selected a strategic peer group of twenty-two companies whose performance is considered in the context of setting our Strategic and Annual Profit Plans. Effective with the three-year award period that began on January 1, 2016, the twenty publicly traded companies in this group serve as the TSR Peer Group for purposes of determining relative TSR performance and payouts under ESIP, which is described on page 42.

Fourteen of the twenty public companies in the peer group are direct peers in either the Electrical, Hydraulics, Aerospace or Vehicle segments. The number of directly competitive peers in each segment roughly equates to the percentage of that segment's revenue as a percent of total Eaton revenues. We have also identified six indirect but relevant peers, which when combined with the Electrical peers, approximately represent the Electrical Sector's weightings across all of Eaton. The strategic peer group includes:

**Applicable Direct Competitors**
**Indirect Peers**

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ABB Ltd.	Hubbell Incorporated	Deere & Company
Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc.	Legrand SA	Dover Corporation
BorgWarner Inc.	Moog Inc.	Honeywell International Inc.
Bosch Hydraulics	Parker-Hannifin Corporation	Illinois Tool Works Inc.
Danfoss Power Solutions	Rockwell Automation Inc.	Ingersoll-Rand Plc
Cummins Inc.	Schneider Electric SE	United Technologies Corporation
Emerson Electric Co.	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	
Federal-Mogul Holdings Corporation*	Woodward, Inc.	

\* Federal-Mogul Holdings Corporation was replaced with American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc., effective January 1, 2017.

Although we do not use the pay reported by these companies to establish individual compensation opportunities, each July the Committee reviews these companies' publicly reported financial and compensation data to help retrospectively validate our pay for performance profile.

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**Peer Pay Analysis**    Although the strategic peer group does not serve as a compensation peer group, we do provide the Committee with an analysis that includes the compensation reported by each publicly traded peer in its annual proxy statement and market survey data for positions that are equivalent to positions held by our named executive officers. The Committee uses this analysis in reviewing and establishing our stretch incentive plan goals and in answering whether our compensation targets are appropriate relative to market comparators. In 2016, this review of survey and peer proxy data confirmed that Eaton's compensation opportunities were aligned with the external data points. The Committee also affirmed that it would continue to use the data reported in the two previously mentioned compensation surveys as the basis for setting individual compensation opportunities, but would use the peer proxy data as a secondary data point if an executive's compensation was well below or above the survey comparator group median.

In prior years, we also conducted a peer pay targeting and performance hurdle study that analyzed our peers' pay for performance profiles relative to that of their own peer groups. This helped the Committee to determine if we were setting rigorous and appropriate performance hurdles. This analysis was irrelevant in 2016 because (a) we adopted relative TSR as our long-term incentive performance criteria and are no longer setting performance hurdles and (b) the strategic peer group does not serve as a compensation peer group. The peers were chosen based on their industry segment, among other considerations, so that the overall revenue of each segment would approximate Eaton's revenues for each segment (Aerospace, Electrical, Hydraulics, Vehicle) versus overall revenue for the entire enterprise. The revenue of many companies in the strategic peer group is smaller than Eaton's and given that there is a correlation between the revenue size of a company and the pay it delivers, the Committee determined that the strategic peer group would not serve as an appropriate peer group for purposes of setting pay.

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In this section, we describe the main components of our compensation, including the metrics we use for our performance-based incentives.

**OVERVIEW OF OUR PRIMARY COMPENSATION COMPONENTS**

Component	Description	Form/Timing of Payout
<b>Base salary</b>	Levels reflect job responsibilities and market competition	Paid in cash throughout the year
<b>Short-term incentive</b>	<p><b>Senior EIC Plan</b> Cash incentive tied to the following performance metrics:</p> <p>Net income generates a pool that determines the maximum award amount. This maximum award may be reduced by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee considers performance relative to Operating Earnings Per Share (EPS) and Cash Flow Return on Gross Capital (CFR) goals as well as business unit and individual performance in making its final award determination.</p>	<p>Paid in cash after the year has ended and performance has been measured</p> <p>Executives can choose to defer payments under our Deferred Incentive Compensation Plan II.</p>
<b>Long-term incentives</b>	<p>Meets the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p>Tied to the following performance metrics:</p> <p><i>Effective January 1, 2016:</i></p> <p>Relative Total Shareholder Return</p> <p><i>For periods that began prior to January 1, 2016:</i></p> <p>Compound growth rate in operating EPS and</p> <p>Average annual CFR</p>	<p>Awards are distributed after the award period has ended and performance has been measured.</p> <p>For periods that began prior to January 1, 2015 Awards are paid in cash.</p> <p>For periods that began on or after January 1, 2015 awards</p>
<b>50% Performance-Based Long-Term Incentive (ESIP)</b>	<p>ESIP opportunities for award periods that began prior to January 1, 2015 are settled in cash but</p>	<p>For periods that began on or after January 1, 2015 awards</p>

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awarded in the form of phantom share units; therefore, value realization is affected by our stock performance. are settled in Eaton ordinary shares.

ESIP opportunities for award periods that began on or after January 1, 2015 are denominated in performance share units and settled in Eaton ordinary shares; therefore, value realization depends on our stock performance. Executives can choose to defer payments for periods that began prior to 2015 under our Incentive Compensation Deferral Plan II.

50% Equity	Meets the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code RSUs and stock options	Vesting in approximately equal installments over 3 years
25% RSUs		
25% stock	Value realization depends on our stock performance	

<b>Restructuring performance grants</b>	options Performance RSUs	Vesting periods are a minimum of three years
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Value realization depends on achieving performance criteria as determined by the Committee and our stock performance. See page 44 for a description of opportunities established in 2016.

<b>Retention grants</b>	Restricted Stock Awards granted on rare occasions to foster engagement and retention	Vesting periods range from four to ten years
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**Base Salary** Value realization depends on our stock performance

We pay a competitive base salary to our executive officers in recognition of their job responsibilities. In general, the Committee sets base salaries at approximately the market median as described under Total Compensation Analysis and Planning Process on page 35. On occasion, the Committee may set an executive's base salary above the reported market median to foster retention and/or recognize superior performance. Executives must demonstrate consistently

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effective individual performance in order to be eligible for a base salary increase. In making salary adjustments, the Committee considers the executive's base salary and total compensation relative to the market median and other factors such as individual performance against business plans, initiative, leadership, experience, knowledge and success in building organizational capability.

**2016 BASE SALARY**

During the 2016 Total Compensation Analysis and Planning Process, the Committee reviewed each executive's base salary relative to the market data from the two surveys described under Total Compensation Analysis and Planning Process, as well as the executive's individual performance over the prior year. After discussing these items, the Committee determined it was appropriate to deliver merit increases on July 1, 2016 to Messrs. Fearon, Yadav and McGuire and Ms. Advaiti as shown in the following table. The Committee awarded Mr. Arnold a 10% increase effective June 1, 2016 in consideration of his promotion to Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Cutler did not receive a salary increase in 2016 due to his planned retirement.

Executive	Increase %	New Base Salary
C. Arnold	10.00%	\$1,100,000
R. Fearon	4.00%	\$884,000
R. Advaiti	4.00%	\$728,000
U. Yadav	5.00%	\$630,000
M. McGuire	4.00%	\$607,335

**Short-Term Performance-Based Compensation**

We establish a competitive annual cash incentive opportunity for our executives. The Committee determines target opportunities for each executive in February during its Total Compensation Analysis and Planning Process. As we previously discussed, the average of the median short-term incentive values as reported in two compensation surveys is used as the basis for determining our executives' targets.

**Metrics, Goals and Results** In February 2016, the Committee established a bonus pool under the Senior EIC Plan equal to 1.5% of our Annual Net Income. The Committee also considered, among other metrics, EPS growth rate guidance for us and our peers as a key starting point for setting aggressive performance hurdles for our short-term incentive plan. The short-term objectives historically have been tied to EPS and CFR metrics and serve as subordinate metrics that the Committee considers when exercising negative discretion to determine actual award amounts under the Senior EIC Plan. The EPS metric measures earnings growth, while the CFR objective is an internal measure of return on capital. We and the Committee believe these are appropriate metrics because of their link to shareholder value creation.

For 2016, the Committee established the subordinate EPS and CFR goals based on its review of market analyses, our annual profit plan as approved by the Board of Directors, external research reports, and analyses of peer group data. We cap EPS and CFR goals at 200% of target. The Committee believes that the target levels established at the

beginning of 2016 for the EPS and CFR goals were demanding but attainable.

The following table shows the 2016 goals and our actual results for the year.

## **2016 EXECUTIVE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN GOALS AND RESULTS**

**Actual EPS and CFR results were 92% of target, but the Committee exercised its discretion to reduce the calculated payout to 85% of target.** The Committee's decision to reduce the award, along with other efforts such as restructuring actions, reducing discretionary spending, and tightening inventory controls helped fulfill our commitments to our investors despite the effect that sluggish market conditions had on Eaton's earnings and revenue in 2016.

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## 2016 SHORT-TERM INCENTIVE AWARDS

In February 2016, in addition to establishing the Senior EIC Plan Net Income Pool, the Committee also assigned a percentage of this pool to each participant, setting the maximum amount that the participant could receive under the Plan for 2016. For the named executive officers, these percentages ranged from 8% to 20% of the Annual Net Income Incentive Pool. Under the terms of the plan, no participant may be assigned a percentage share of the pool that is worth more than \$7,500,000. The Committee also established an individual target award opportunity for each executive that reflected the median annual incentive opportunity reported in the compensation surveys that are used to establish individual compensation targets.

At the end of the award period, the Committee considered the following items in determining individual payouts:

The maximum award generated by the Net Income Pool for each participant.

The Company's actual performance relative to subordinate EPS and Cash Flow Return on Gross Capital performance objectives and the Committee's decision to adjust the payout to 85% of target as described above. An individual performance factor that is based on the achievement of the individual performance goals described below:

**Financial Goals:** Achieving the Company's annual financial plan, as well as the annual financial plan for the executive's business unit.

**Growth Goals:** Building our brand; outgrowing the markets in which we operate; introducing new products and services.

**Operational Excellence:** Workplace safety and emissions reduction; advancements in quality; supply chain improvement; and operational efficiency/productivity.

**Building Organizational Capacity:** Reinforcing our ethical standards; attracting and developing talent; developing a diverse and inclusive organization; promoting a learning culture.

**Acquisition Integration Goals:** Successfully integrating acquisitions; recent acquisitions and meeting our synergy targets.

The following table illustrates each named executive officer's 2016 award opportunity and his or her actual Senior EIC Plan award relative to that opportunity:

Executive	Senior EIC Net Income Pool Allocation	Senior EIC Target as a % of Salary	Senior EIC Target	EPS and CFR Results	Individual Performance Factor	Award as % of Target
C. Arnold (as CEO of Eaton Corp - 7 months)	\$5,766,000	150%	\$962,500	85%	105%	\$859,031 = 89%

C. Arnold (as COO of Eaton Corp - 5 months)	\$5,766,000	125%	\$520,834	x	85% x	110% = \$486,980	94%
R. Fearon	\$4,324,500	100%	\$867,000	x	85% x	110% = \$810,645	94%
R. Advaiti	\$4,324,500	100%	\$714,000	x	85% x	105% = \$637,245	89%
U. Yadav	\$2,883,000	95%	\$584,250	x	85% x	105% = \$521,443	89%
M. McGuire	\$2,883,000	75%	\$446,742	x	85% x	105% = \$398,717	89%
A. Cutler	\$5,766,000	63%	\$812,500	x	85% x	110% = \$759,688	94%

Each named executive officer's eligible salary for purposes of determining his or her short-term incentive award was prorated based on the effective date of the merit increases described on page 39. Mr. Arnold's target and salary were prorated based on the effective date of his appointment to his position as Chief Executive Officer. His targets prior to and after his promotion were 125% and 150% of base salary, respectively. Mr. Cutler's target was prorated based on his retirement date. Each named executive officer's short-term incentive award is reported in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table.

### Long-Term Performance-Based Compensation

For 2016, the Committee established a long-term incentive target opportunity for each executive that was intended to align with the market median values reported in the two surveys we use to establish individual compensation plans. We provide long-term incentive compensation to our executive officers in two components that generally are weighted as follows:

**50% in Performance-Based Long-Term Compensation:** ESIP periods that began prior to January 1, 2016 were based upon performance against EPS compound growth rate goal and CFR goals. Effective January 1, 2016, relative total shareholder return serves as the performance criteria for ESIP. ESIP award periods that began prior to January 1, 2015 span four years and award periods that began on or after January 1, 2015 are three years long. The amount earned by executives depends on actual EPS growth and CFR results relative to these performance metrics for periods prior to January 1, 2016. For periods that began on or after January 1, 2016, we will rank our total return to shareholders

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against that of the TSR Peer Group to determine awards. Share price appreciation or depreciation over the award period also affects the value realized by our executives, thereby providing a direct link to shareholder value creation.

**50% in Time Based Equity Awards:** The named executive officers receive an equal mix of stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs) which also provide a link to external performance.

We believe that this portfolio approach to structuring long-term incentives provides an appropriate balance that focuses executives on both an external and internal measure of our success. In limited circumstances, the Committee also provides restricted share awards (RSAs) to foster engagement and retention. The Committee's independent compensation consultant has confirmed that this approach is appropriate to delivering long-term compensation and is consistent with market practices. No named executive officers received retention grants in 2016.

#### PERFORMANCE BASED LONG-TERM INCENTIVES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

**2013-2016 ESIP** In February 2013, the Committee established challenging EPS compound growth rate and CFR performance goals for the 2013-2016 ESIP. The CFR objective focused management on driving attractive returns on the capital we employ over the multi-year award period, while the EPS goal focused management on driving earnings growth throughout the multi-year cycle. The Committee used a comprehensive report that analyzed publicly available peer group financial data to establish the CFR and EPS objectives. Our Board also used this report in reviewing our Strategic and Profit Plans. The report includes:

A comparison of our past performance across a range of performance metrics, compared to those same metrics as reported for our peer group;

Our estimated financial results and those for each peer group company as projected by sell-side analysts who follow these companies; and

A review of our strategic objectives and annual business plans for the multi-year performance period.

The EPS growth and CFR goals for the award period were weighted equally. The Committee set performance hurdles at levels such that our executives would receive payment of approximately 100% of the target incentive opportunity if our performance over the award period was at or above the projected median of performance compared to that of our peer group that was in place at the time the opportunity was established, and payment at or above 150% of the target incentive opportunity if our performance over the award period was at or above the projected top 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of performance of our peer group. We capped CFR and EPS growth goals under ESIP at 200% of target. This cap is consistent with the maximum incentive opportunity as reported by the companies that respond to the compensation surveys to which we subscribe.

The key to achieving an above-target payout for this ESIP period was to fully meet our annual operating plans, exceed our targeted operating margins and our earnings per share targets, closely manage our working capital and fully achieve our committed integration and synergy targets.

In addition to setting ESIP goals, in February 2013, the Committee also set individual ESIP target award opportunities for each named executive officer that represented approximately 50% of his or her total long-term incentive opportunity that was established in 2013. Individual target opportunities were expressed as a cash value and then converted to phantom share units based on the average New York Stock Exchange price of Eaton ordinary shares over the first 20 trading days of the award period, which was \$56.27. Phantom share units align the interests of the executives with those of the shareholders because the units reflect appreciation or depreciation and earnings on our ordinary shares during the performance period.

**Payout of 2013-2016 ESIP** The CFR component of the 2013-2016 ESIP was achieved at 16.8%, which was above the threshold level of 8.0% needed to generate a payout under the plan. Actual EPS growth of \$17.32 was below the minimum level of \$18.95 that was necessary to generate a payout for the EPS component of the award. The combined results generated a payout of 25% of target.



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Final awards were determined by multiplying the target number of phantom share units by the adjusted performance factor of 25%. The earned number of phantom share units was then converted to cash based on the average New York Stock Exchange price of Eaton ordinary shares over the last 20 trading days of the award period, which was \$68.26, and dividend equivalents were added based on the aggregate dividend paid over the period (\$8.12) and the final number of share units that were earned. The combination of the cash value from the earned phantom share units and the accumulated dividend approximates the total shareholder return over that period.

Awards earned by our named executive officers for the 2013-2016 ESIP Period are shown below:

Executive	Target Units		Earned Award		Accumulated Dividends (based on \$8.12)	Total Award + Dividend Equivalents	Total Award as % of Target
	2013-2016 Target	Units (based on 25% in 2013)	Earned Share payout	in 2016)			
C. Arnold	\$1,050,000	18,700	4,675	\$319,116	\$37,961	\$357,077	34%
R. Fearon	\$1,050,000	18,700	4,675	\$319,116	\$37,961	\$357,077	34%
R. Advaiti	\$800,000	14,250	3,563	\$243,210	\$28,932	\$272,142	34%
U. Yadav	\$340,000	6,050	1,513	\$103,277	\$12,286	\$115,563	34%
M. McGuire	\$650,000	11,600	2,900	\$197,954	\$23,548	\$221,502	34%
A. Cutler	\$3,630,208	64,532	16,133	\$1,101,239	\$131,000	\$1,232,239	34%

**How Our CFR and EPS Goals Used in Short- and Long-Term Incentive Plans Prior to 2016 Differ**

We and the Committee believe that Earnings Per Share and Cash Flow Return on Gross Capital are appropriate metrics to use in our short-term and long-term incentive plans because of the impact these items have on creating

shareholder value.

Although we used an earnings per share (EPS) metric in both our short- and long-term incentive plans prior to 2016, the two metrics were different:

The short-term plan metric is tied to annual EPS. A goal is set in February of each year based on items such as EPS guidance for the year, market analyses and our annual profit plan.

The long-term ESIP metric was tied to EPS growth and the corresponding CFR over a four- or three-year period, as applicable. This multi-year goal was set based on the Board's review of our Strategic Plan and the long-term, five-year financial goals that we shared with investors.

In 2016, relative TSR became the performance criteria for ESIP, thereby eliminating the concern that we use the same metrics in our short- and long-term incentive plans.

### **Long-Term Incentives Granted in 2016**

**Establishment of Performance Criteria for the 2016-2018 ESIP** The Committee adopted relative TSR as the performance criteria for the 2016-2018 ESIP period. Prior to 2016, awards were determined based on company performance versus operating EPS growth and CFR goals. In setting the EPS growth and CFR goals for the prior periods, the Board would evaluate our Strategic Plan projections and analysts' estimates of peer company performance; however, the impact of changes in market growth rates has had a disproportionate impact on actual versus forecasted results. Therefore, the Committee chose TSR as the metric to alleviate the increasingly difficult market calibration issues and to introduce a stronger sense of relative peer performance. The change also eliminates any concern about the use of overlapping criteria in our Senior EIC and EIC and our ESIP program. We and the Committee believe a short-term plan

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with an earnings growth and return on assets orientation (via the EPS and CFR goals) complemented by a TSR-driven long-term plan is an effective combination that will enhance shareholder value.

Awards for the 2016-2018 award period will be determined based on our total return to shareholders (TSR) relative to that of the TSR Peer Group. TSR is calculated by taking the total of share price appreciation and dividends (assuming immediate reinvestment of dividends) over the three year period compared to our share price at the beginning of the period. Our TSR rank among the TSR Peer Group will determine an adjustment factor which can range from 0% to 200%. Consistent with our historical practice, awards under this plan design are capped at 200% of target. Additionally, if our TSR is positive but ranks the lowest among the peer group, the maximum payout that can be earned is 25% of target. If our TSR is the highest when compared to that of the peer companies, but is negative, then the maximum payout that can be earned is 100% of target.

The TSR Peer Group for the 2016-2018 award period includes nineteen companies, thirteen of whom are direct peers in either the Electrical, Hydraulics, Aerospace or Vehicle segments. The number of directly competitive peers in each segment roughly equates to the percentage of that segment's revenue as a percent of total Eaton revenues. The remaining six peers are indirect but relevant peers. The companies included in the TSR Peer Group are:

**Direct Peers:** ABB, Ltd., Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc., BorgWarner, Inc., Cummins Inc., Emerson Electric Co., Hubbell Inc., Legrand S.A., Moog Inc., Parker-Hannifin Corporation, Rockwell Automation Inc., Schneider Electric SE, Siemens AG, and Woodward, Inc. (Federal-Mogul Corporation was also originally included in the Direct Peer Group but has been removed because the company is no longer publicly traded.)

**Indirect Peers:** Deere & Company, Dover Corporation, Honeywell International Inc., Illinois Tool Works Inc., Ingersoll-Rand plc, and United Technologies Corporation.

**Establishment of ESIP Award Opportunities for the 2016-2018 ESIP**   In February 2016, the Committee established total long-term incentive opportunities, expressed as a cash value, for each executive. Targets are intended to align with the median long-term incentive value reported in the external market. Half of the long-term incentive target was converted to a number of performance share units based on our 30-day average stock price at the beginning of the award period. At the end of the award period, the number of performance share units will be adjusted up or down based on achievement of our TSR rank relative to that of the peers as described above. The adjusted number of share units, if any, will be distributed to participants in the form of our ordinary shares. An accumulated dividend equivalent covering the performance period will be paid in cash based on the number of share units actually earned. The combination of the value realized from the earned performance shares and the accumulated dividend approximates the total shareholder return over that period.

**Equity Component of Long-Term Compensation**   The named executive officers receive the equity component of their long-term incentive opportunity in both RSUs and stock options. The Committee considers alignment with the external market median and individual performance and potential when making equity grants. We typically grant equity awards in February.

The Committee has the authority to fix the date and all terms and conditions of equity grants to executive officers and other employees under our various stock plans, all of which have been approved by our shareholders. Our equity program adheres to the following best practices:

Stock options and RSUs generally vest over, or upon the conclusion of, at least a three-year period. The vesting of RSUs and stock options is contingent upon continued service with us over the vesting period.

The aggregate number of shares or share units underlying options or related to other awards that may be granted to any employee during any three consecutive calendar year period may not exceed 2,400,000 under our 2015 Stock Plan.

No more than 5% of the total number of shares authorized for delivery under the Plan may vest within less than one year after the grant date (except for awards granted to non-employee directors, in the event of a change of control of the Company, in the event of a divestment of a business or upon an employee's death, disability, or retirement).

We set the strike price for all of our stock options at the fair market value of our shares on the date of the grant. Our current shareholder-approved stock plans define fair market value as the closing price as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange on the date of the grant.

**RSUs Granted in 2016** In February 2016, the Committee approved RSU grants that represented approximately 25% of each named executive officer's target long-term incentive opportunity. These RSUs vest in approximately equal installments over three years. We do not pay dividend equivalents on RSUs that are granted to our executives or other employees.

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In addition, in June 2016, the Committee granted Mr. Arnold an additional grant of RSUs in recognition of his promotion to Chief Executive Officer.

**Stock Options Granted in 2016** Stock options make up the remaining 25% of each named executive officer's total target long-term incentive opportunity. The stock options granted in 2016 will vest in substantially equal installments over three years, subject to the executive's continued employment with us, and have a strike price equal to the closing price of our ordinary shares on the date of the grant.

**Performance Restricted Share Units Granted in 2016** The Committee recognizes that the efforts of our leadership team are particularly critical to pursuing profitability and our competitive advantage during periods of decline and softening in our end markets and while managing a significant leadership transition. Therefore, the Committee granted an additional performance-based long term compensation opportunity to the named executive officers. The grants took the form of performance share units that if earned, will vest after three years. In order for any of these units to vest, the company must achieve at least 80% of the publicly announced three-year restructuring plan savings of \$418 million prior to the end of the three-year period. If at least 80% but less than 100% of the goal is achieved, executives may earn 80% of the performance share unit grant. If 100% or more of the goal is achieved, executives may earn 100% of the performance share units. If less than 80% of the goal is achieved, no shares will be earned and the performance share units will be forfeited. Earned performance share units, if any, earn accumulated dividends which will be paid in cash at the end of the three-year period. These awards are not intended to meet the requirements to qualify the payments as deductible compensation under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m).

**2016 Long-Term Incentive Grants** Each named executive officer's long-term incentive opportunity and the mix of long-term vehicles is shown below. The target total long-term incentive values in this table are based on the market median survey data for each position. The amounts shown below differ from the amounts reported in the Summary Compensation Table, which reports the grant date fair value determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

	ESIP Target (\$)	RSU Target (\$)	Stock Option Target (\$)	Target Total Long-Term Incentive (\$)	Promotional Grant (\$)	Performance Grant (\$)
Executive	(50% of LTI)	(25% of LTI)	(25% of LTI)			
C. Arnold	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,314,780
R. Fearon	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$3,000,000	-	\$1,314,780
R. Advaiti	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	-	\$1,002,405
U. Yadav	\$900,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$1,800,000	-	\$426,615
M. McGuire	\$650,000	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$1,300,000	-	\$814,980
A. Cutler	\$4,250,000	\$2,125,000	\$2,125,000	\$8,500,000	-	-

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**Prior Year Change in the Form of ESIP Distorts the Summary Compensation Table**

ESIP opportunities for periods that began prior to January 1, 2015 were not reported as Stock Awards in the Summary Compensation Table because there was no embedded right to stock settlement (however, these ESIP opportunities were reported in the Grants of Plan Based Awards Tables for the year in which the opportunities were established). Instead, these awards have been reported in the Summary Compensation Table as Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation in the year in which the award period matured. The Non-Equity Incentive Plan column of this proxy statement includes payouts from our 2013-2016 ESIP.

The long-term performance-based incentive opportunities for periods that began on or after January 1, 2015 will settle in shares and therefore will be reported as Stock Awards in the Summary Compensation Table. The Stock Awards column of this proxy statement includes the value of the performance shares granted in 2016 under our 2016-2018 ESIP.

As a result of reporting grants and payouts in the same year, our Summary Compensation Table Total Compensation will be distorted until the final cash-settled ESIP period matures at the end of 2017.

The illustration below highlights the impact the change in the form of ESIP had on this proxy statement using Mr. Arnold's actual earned 2013-2016 ESIP award and 2016-2018 ESIP grant as an example. Changes in Pension Values and Above-Market Earnings on Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation and All Other Compensation are included in the Summary Compensation Table but are not included in the following illustration because they do not have a material impact for purposes of this illustration.

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**HEALTH AND WELFARE, RETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFIT PLANS**

**Health and Welfare Benefits and Retirement Income Plans**

We provide our executive officers with the same health and welfare and retirement income benefit programs that we provide to our other salaried employees in the United States, with certain exceptions described below. Our named executive officers may choose to participate in our 401(k) plan and receive Company matching contributions, which are reported as Other Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table. We provide 401(k) matching contributions that comply with Internal Revenue Code limits.

In place of typical Company-paid group term life insurance, we provide all executive officers and approximately 600 other employees who were hired prior to January 1, 2016 with Company-paid life insurance coverage under two separate policies. The aggregate value of the two policies is approximately equal to an executive's annual base salary, and this level of coverage is consistent with the level of coverage provided to other non-union U.S. salaried employees through our group term life policy. The majority of the executives' life insurance (base salary minus \$50,000) is covered under an executive-owned individual whole-life policy, with the remaining \$50,000 of insurance covered under our group term life policy. Employees who were hired on or after January 1, 2016 are provided coverage approximately equal to one time base salary under our group term life policy.

The value of the Company-paid premium for the whole life policy is imputed as income to each covered executive. We decided to provide this executive life insurance arrangement to allow each executive to have a paid-up policy at retirement that would mirror Company-provided post-retirement group term life insurance, but with less post-retirement tax complexity for both the executive and the Company.

**Other Retirement and Compensation Arrangements**

The 2016 Pension Benefits table on page 59 reports retirement benefits for Mr. Arnold and the other named executive officers. Certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code limit the annual benefits that may be paid from a tax-qualified retirement plan. As permitted under the Code, the Board of Directors has authorized plans under which payment will be made for any benefits that may exceed those limits. If these nonqualified benefits accrued before 2005, executives may choose a lump sum payment or an annuity (unless otherwise determined by the Committee), except that if there is a change of control of the Company, they will be paid at the time of the event (unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors) in a lump sum. These benefits that accrued after January 1, 2005 will be paid in the form of a single sum at retirement.

In response to market practices and to enhance our ability to attract and retain key executives, the Board of Directors also adopted plans that provide supplemental annual retirement income to certain executives whom we hire mid-career, because they do not have the opportunity to accumulate significant credited service with us under our tax-qualified retirement income or nonqualified restoration plans. These supplemental plans deliver a benefit if the executive either retires at 55 or older with at least 10 years of service, or at 65 or older regardless of the years of service. No new participants have been added to this plan since 2011.



The tax-qualified pension plans that we maintain for our U.S. salaried and non-union employees define the term compensation to include base salary, overtime pay, pay premiums and awards under any short-term variable pay or incentive compensation plans (including amounts deferred for receipt at a later date). We use this same definition for calculating pension benefits under the nonqualified executive retirement income arrangements described above. These qualified and nonqualified retirement income plans are the only compensation or benefit plans or programs that we provide to executive officers that consider base salary and earned annual incentive awards in the calculation of the executives' account balances. Long-term incentives, including cash and amounts realized upon the exercise of stock options and/or vesting or RSUs or RSAs, are not factored into these calculations.

### **Deferral Plans**

We provide our executives with opportunities to defer the receipt of their earned and otherwise payable awards under our short- and long-term cash incentive plans. Our deferral plans do not allow executive to defer the receipt of their share-based awards. We offer these deferral arrangements so that our executives have a competitive opportunity to accumulate additional retirement assets and a means to meet our share ownership guidelines.

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#### **Personal Benefits**

We provide our executive officers with limited personal benefits such as reimbursement for financial and estate planning and tax preparation. Personal benefits are treated as taxable income to the executive.

#### **Employment Contracts and Change of Control Agreements**

We do not provide our executive officers with employment contracts; however, we do enter into Change of Control Agreements with each executive officer. The agreements do not contain tax gross-up provisions, but do contain double-trigger severance provisions and restrictive covenants. These agreements provide benefits if an executive's employment is terminated or materially changed for certain reasons following a change of control. We believe that these agreements are in the best interest of our shareholders because they help ensure that we will have the continued dedication and focus of key executives in the event of a change of control of the Company. Details of our Change of Control Agreements may be found in the narrative discussion accompanying the Potential Payments Upon Termination beginning on page 61.

#### **Limited Tax Protection for Relocation and Foreign Assignments**

We and the Committee believe that tax protection is appropriate in very limited circumstances to avoid the potential for the value of a benefit to be reduced as a result of tax requirements that are beyond an executive's control. Specifically, we provide tax protection for our employees under our relocation and foreign assignment policies so that they are able to make decisions to accept new assignments without concern that relocating would be a disadvantage from a tax standpoint.

#### **Use of Our Aircraft**

We own, operate, and maintain Company aircraft to enhance the ability of our executive officers and other corporate and business leaders to conduct business in an effective manner. This principle guides how the aircraft are used. Our stringent aircraft use policy ensures that the primary use of this mode of transportation is to satisfy business needs and that all aircraft use is accounted for at all times and in accordance with applicable laws. The Board of Directors has directed Mr. Arnold to use our aircraft for his business and personal travel, whenever feasible, to ensure his personal security and enhance his productivity. Our aircraft policy does not permit other executives to use Company-owned aircraft for personal use without the advance approval of the Chief Executive Officer. No named executive officers receive tax protection on the imputed income for personal use of Company-owned aircraft.

### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

#### **Share Ownership Guidelines**

We expect all of our executive officers and certain other high-level key executives to hold a number of our shares with a value equal to a pre-determined multiple of their base salary. These multiples, as shown below, represent the minimum guidelines and are consistent with trends we have seen in the competitive market. Each executive must own

a minimum of 20% of the required shares outright. Executives are expected to hold shares that vest and shares acquired upon the exercise of stock options until these requirements are met. In addition, executives are expected to reach these guidelines within five years of appointment to a new position and are expected to satisfy them for the duration of their employment with the Company.

Position	Minimum Guideline
Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation	6 times base salary
Vice Chairman, Chief Financial and Planning Officer of Eaton Corporation	4 times base salary
Chief Operating Officer Electrical or Industrial Sector of Eaton Corporation	4 times base salary
Other Officers	2-3 times base salary
General Managers and other ESIP participants	1 time base salary

Twice each year, the Committee reviews each executive officer's share ownership relative to these levels, and our Chief Executive Officer reviews the ownership of other non-officer executives. On December 31, 2016, each of the named executive officers exceeded his or her ownership and holding requirements.

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### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**    Executive Compensation Policies and Guidelines

#### **Anti-Hedging and Pledging**

We have a policy that prohibits directors and officers, including the named executive officers, from engaging in financial hedging of their investment risk in our shares and from pledging our shares as collateral for a loan.

#### **Clawback Policy**

The Board of Directors has adopted a formal policy stating that, if an executive engaged in any fraud, misconduct or other bad-faith action that, directly or indirectly, caused or partially caused the need for a material accounting restatement for any periods as to which a performance-based award was paid or credited to the executive during the 12-month period following the first public issuance of the incorrect financial statement, such award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation or reimbursement to the Company at the Board's discretion. The clawback policy covers any executive who participates in our ESIP or any successor plans. Our incentive compensation plans, stock plans and deferral plans all include the provisions of this policy. This policy may be found on our website at <http://www.eaton.com/governance>.

#### **Tax and Accounting Considerations**

We carefully monitor and comply with any changes in the laws, regulations, accounting standards and related interpretive guidance that impact our executive compensation plans and programs. Tax and accounting considerations have never played a central role in the process of determining the compensation or benefit plans and programs that are provided to our executives. Instead, the Committee consistently has structured our executive compensation program in a manner intended to ensure that it is competitive in the marketplace for executive talent and provides incentives and rewards that focus our executives on reaching desired internal and external performance levels. Once the appropriate programs and plans are identified, we administer and account for them in accordance with applicable requirements.

**\$1 Million Tax Deduction Limit**    Under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m), any remuneration in excess of \$1 million paid to Mr. Arnold or any of the three most highly compensated executive officers of the Company (other than the Vice Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer of Eaton Corporation) in a given year is not tax deductible unless it is paid pursuant to formula-driven, performance-based arrangements that preclude Committee discretion to adjust compensation upward after the beginning of the period in which the compensation is earned. In 2013, our shareholders approved the amended and restated Senior EIC and ESIP plans, which are intended to meet the requirements to qualify incentive payments under these Plans as deductible compensation under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m). In addition, certain performance-based share grants made from our shareholder-approved 2015 Stock Plan are also intended to meet the requirements to qualify the payments as deductible compensation under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m).

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**Compensation Discussion and Analysis** Relationship Between Compensation Plans and Risk

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMPENSATION PLANS AND RISK**

Each year, the Committee and management conduct a comprehensive review of our executive and broad-based compensation programs to determine whether any of our compensation programs, either individually or in the aggregate, would encourage employees to undertake excessive risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse impact on the Company.

**Compensation and Organization Committee Annual Risk Assessment**

After reviewing an inventory of our 2016 broad-based variable pay and sales commission plans, which included the number of participants in each plan, the participants' levels within the organization, the target and maximum payment potential, performance criteria under each plan, and the type of the plan (for example, management-by-objective and goal sharing), the Committee concluded that none of the broad-based programs would likely give rise to a material risk.

The Committee also applied a risk assessment to the short- and long-term incentive plans that are described earlier in the CD&A. This analysis included, but was not limited to, the following items:

- Whether performance goals were balanced and potential payments were reasonable based on potential achievement of those goals at the threshold, target and maximum levels;
- When applicable, whether the relationship between performance objectives under the short-term incentive programs was consistent with the performance objectives tied to the long-term incentive plans;
- The caps on individual awards and aggregate payments under the plans; and
- How our performance objectives and target award opportunities compared to the objectives and target awards underlying our peers' incentive programs.

**Our Executive Compensation Strategies and Programs Are Structured to Reduce Risk**

The Committee and management also concluded that our executive compensation strategy and programs are structured in the best interest of the Company and its stakeholders and do not create a material risk due to a variety of mitigating factors, such as:

- An emphasis on long-term compensation that utilizes a balanced portfolio of compensation elements and delivers rewards based on sustained performance over time;

The Committee's sole power to set performance objectives for our incentive plans. These objectives have included CFR and operating EPS financial goals and qualitative goals under the short-term plan, such as leadership development, growth, operational excellence, and building organizational capacity. We believe all of these items contribute to increased shareholder value;

Our long-term performance plan (ESIP) focuses on cumulative EPS and CFR for overlapping multi-year award periods that began prior to 2016. This creates a focus on driving sustained performance over multiple award periods that mitigates the potential for executives to take excessive risks to drive one-time, short-term performance spikes in any one period;

The use of equity awards to foster retention and align our executives' interests with those of our shareholders;

Capping the potential payouts under the short- and long-term incentive plans to eliminate the potential for windfalls;

A clawback policy that allows us to recover compensation in the case of a material restatement of financial results and/or employee misconduct;

Share ownership guidelines; and

A broad array of benefit programs that offer employees and executives an opportunity to build meaningful retirement assets throughout their careers.

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**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**    Compensation and Organization Committee Report

**COMPENSATION AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation and Organization Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed with the Company's management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K and, based on this review and discussion, the Compensation and Organization Committee recommends to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

**COMPENSATION AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

Christopher M. Connor, Chair

Todd M. Bluedorn

Michael J. Critelli

Charles E. Golden

Linda A. Hill

Arthur E. Johnson

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This table shows the total compensation of the Company's current and immediately prior Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation, the Vice Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer of Eaton Corporation, and our three other most highly compensated executive officers in 2016. Mr. Cutler retired on May 31, 2016 and Mr. Arnold became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation on June 1, 2016.

**NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE COLUMN INFORMATION:**

<b>Column</b>	<b>Explanation</b>			
<b>Salary</b>	Consists of base salary, which accounted for, on average, 11% of the total compensation of the named executive officers in 2016.			
<b>Bonus</b>	The named executive officers were not entitled to receive Bonus payments for 2016 ( Bonus payments are defined under the disclosure rules as discretionary payments that are not based on any performance criteria).			
<b>Stock and Option Awards</b>	These two columns show the grant date fair value of equity awards granted to the named executive officers.			
	<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Stock Awards Consists of the grant date fair value of awards delivered to each named executive officer in the year reported. The value of Stock Awards is based on our New York Stock Exchange closing price on the date of the grant. This column includes the following components for each reported year:</p>			
		2016	2015	2014
	Restricted Stock Units			
	ESIP Performance Share Units			None granted
	Restructuring Performance Units		None granted	None granted
	Option Awards	Reports the grant date fair value of stock options awarded in each respective year. The grant date fair value of stock options is based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model.		
<b>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation</b>	Reports the amount earned for 2016 under the Senior EIC Plan and 2013-2016 ESIP. The incentive payments reported in this column were approved by the Committee at its February 21, 2017 meeting and, to the extent not deferred by the executive, will be paid on March 15, 2017.			
<b>Changes in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings</b>	Contains two distinct components.			
	<p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Changes in Pension Value</i> represents the total change in the actuarial present value of each named executive officer's accumulated benefit under all of our defined benefit pension plans (both tax qualified and nonqualified) from the measurement date used for financial reporting purposes. The change in this column from year-to-year reflects items such as: changes in compensation as defined under the pension plan in which the executive participates, an additional year of service, and changes in the discount and interest rates used to determine the actuarial present value of the accumulated benefit</p>			



reported in each respective year.

*Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings* include earnings on deferred compensation that exceed 120% of a specified rate of interest for long-term debt instruments established by the Internal Revenue Service, when applicable. Under the disclosure rules, earnings on deferred compensation are considered to be above-market if the rate or formula used to calculate the interest under the plan in which the executive participates exceeded a rate of interest established by the Internal Revenue Service.

**All Other Compensation**

Consists of compensation that does not fit within any of the foregoing definitions of compensation. This compensation includes items such as personal benefits, our contributions to defined contribution plans and the value of insurance premiums paid by us.

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Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	Option Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>(3)</sup>	Changes In Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Deferred Compensation <sup>(4)</sup>	All Other Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	Total Compensation
<b>Arnold</b> Chairman of the Company, Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation	2016	\$1,040,389	-	\$7,434,517	\$1,453,379	\$1,703,088	\$1,376,872	\$28,864	\$13,037,009
	2015	\$842,636	-	\$1,657,124	\$548,193	\$1,665,083	\$575,817	\$46,296	\$5,335,139
	2014	\$768,529	-	\$513,190	\$525,578	\$2,022,819	\$1,745,286	\$52,735	\$5,628,137
<b>Bearon</b> Chairman and Chief Financial and Planning Officer of Eaton Corporation	2016	\$852,550	-	\$4,482,911	\$871,918	\$1,167,722	\$1,267,762	\$31,076	\$8,673,939
	2015	\$790,162	-	\$1,657,124	\$548,193	\$1,549,645	\$751,795	\$37,714	\$5,334,633
	2014	\$768,298	-	\$513,190	\$525,578	\$1,983,752	\$2,143,506	\$50,046	\$5,984,369
<b>Chivvaithi</b> Vice President, Electrical Sector of Eaton Corporation	2016	\$700,001	-	\$3,127,456	\$581,461	\$909,387	\$648,546	\$12,291	\$5,979,141
	2015	\$609,012	-	\$1,611,431	\$417,635	\$905,758	\$269,803	\$61,499	\$3,875,138
<b>Madav</b> Vice President, Industrial Sector of Eaton Corporation	2016	\$602,885	-	\$2,289,733	\$523,479	\$637,006	\$710,822	\$21,116	\$4,785,031
<b>McGuire</b> Executive Vice President,	2016	\$583,976	-	\$2,213,171	\$377,977	\$620,219	\$664,789	\$27,488	\$4,487,630
	2015	\$564,241	-	\$1,025,688	\$339,758	\$780,991	\$426,121	\$36,847	\$3,173,546
	2014	\$562,838	-	\$317,842	\$325,597	\$1,094,226	\$972,477	\$27,173	\$3,300,173
<b>Cutler</b> General Counsel and Secretary of Eaton Corporation	2016	\$541,666	-	\$8,590,614	\$2,470,252	\$1,991,927	\$3,698,012	\$142,996	\$17,435,467

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Retired Chairman of the Company, Retired Chief Executive Officer of Eaton Corporation	2015	\$1,222,056	-	\$6,706,502	\$2,217,968	\$5,388,549	\$12,496	\$102,021	\$15,649,
	2014	\$1,200,000	-	\$2,076,331	\$2,125,427	\$6,656,495	\$4,538,766	\$150,733	\$16,747,

- (1) In 2016 and 2015, \$155,625 and \$36,250, respectively, of Mr. Arnold's salary was attributable to his service as a member of Eaton's Board of Directors. In 2016 and 2015, \$135,625 and \$36,250, respectively, of Mr. Fearon's salary was attributable to his service as a member of Eaton's Board of Directors. In 2016, 2015 and 2014, \$130,000, \$165,625, and \$162,500, respectively, of Mr. Cutler's salary was attributed to his role as Chairman of the Board of the Company.
- (2) These two columns show the grant date fair value of equity awards, computed in accordance with ASC 718, granted to the named executive officers. The value of stock options is based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The assumptions used in connection with these valuations are further described in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of our 2016 annual report. The actual amounts realized by individual named executive officers likely will vary based on a number of factors, including the market performance of our shares and timing of option exercises. In 2016, we adopted a market-based TSR metric for our ESIP. In accordance with regulations, ESIP performance share units granted in 2016 were valued using a Monte Carlo simulation which yielded a premium over the closing price of our shares on the date of the grant. In 2015, ESIP objectives were tied to EPS and CFR goals. Accordingly, ESIP performance shares granted in 2015 were valued based on our New York Stock Exchange Closing Price on the date of the grant. No ESIP performance shares are reported in the stock awards column for 2014 because ESIP opportunities established in that year do not have an imbedded right to stock settlement.

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- (3) Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation reported in this column includes payments earned under the 2016 Senior EIC Plan and the 2013-2016 ESIP. The amount earned under each plan is shown below. The material features of these incentive plans are described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

	2016 Short-Term		Total
	Incentive Award	2013-2016 Long-Term Incentive Award	
C. Arnold	\$1,346,011	\$357,077	\$1,703,088
R. Fearon	\$810,645	\$357,077	\$1,167,722
R. Advaiti	\$637,245	\$272,142	\$909,387
U. Yadav	\$521,443	\$115,563	\$637,006
M. McGuire	\$398,717	\$221,502	\$620,219
A. Cutler	\$759,688	\$1,232,239	\$1,991,927

- (4) In 2016, Mr. Cutler was the only named executive officer to receive above-market earnings on his nonqualified deferred compensation (in the amount of \$14,220). The aggregate change in the actuarial present value of the accumulated benefit under all defined benefit pension plans for each named executive officer is noted below.

	Qualified	Non-qualified	Total
C. Arnold	\$113,216	\$1,263,656	\$1,376,872
R. Fearon	\$30,042	\$1,237,720	\$1,267,762
R. Advaiti	\$44,919	\$603,627	\$648,546
U. Yadav	\$25,496	\$685,326	\$710,822
M. McGuire	\$23,558	\$641,231	\$664,789
A. Cutler	\$252,929	\$3,430,863	\$3,683,792

- (5) All Other Compensation includes the aggregate incremental cost we incurred for certain executive personal benefits, including:

Reimbursement of financial, tax and estate planning fees.

Personal Use of Company Aircraft: The calculation of incremental cost for personal use of our aircraft includes only those variable costs incurred as a result of personal flight activity. It excludes non-variable costs, which would have been incurred regardless of whether there was any personal use of our aircraft. We do not reimburse named executive officers for tax costs related to personal use of our aircraft.

Life Insurance: We provide approximately 600 employees, including the named executive officers, with the opportunity to acquire individual whole-life insurance as described on page 46. The annual premium paid by us during 2016 for each of the named executive officers is shown in the chart below. Each participant is

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responsible for paying individual income taxes due with respect to our insurance program.

401(k) Company Matching Contributions: The amount of our contributions to the named executive officers accounts under the 401(k) Eaton Savings Plan (the ESP ) is reported below. The ESP permits an employee to contribute a portion of his or her salary to the ESP, subject to limits imposed under the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Cutler received a retirement gift for his service to the company.

The amounts of these items reported as All Other Compensation are:

	Employer					
	Contributions			to	Retirement	
	Financial Planning	Personal Use of Aircraft	Company Paid Life	401(k)	Gift	Total Other
C. Arnold	\$11,800	\$2,205	\$9,159	\$5,700	-	\$28,864
R. Fearon	\$15,585	-	\$10,791	\$4,700	-	\$31,076
R. Advaiti	-	-	\$7,624	\$4,667	-	\$12,291
U. Yadav	\$9,220	\$4,725	\$3,171	\$4,000	-	\$21,116
M. McGuire	\$11,870	-	\$11,725	\$3,893	-	\$27,488
A. Cutler	\$38,900	\$59,543	\$32,533	\$7,521	\$4,500	\$142,996

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The following table summarizes the potential awards payable to named executive officers with respect to the short-term and long-term incentive award opportunities granted in 2016.

	<i>Estimated Future Payout under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Award</i>			<i>Estimated Future Payout under Equity Incentive Plan Award</i>			<i>Stock Awards All Other</i>			<i>Grant Fair V of Stock</i>	
	<i>Grant Date</i>	<i>Threshold (\$)</i>	<i>Target (\$)</i>	<i>Maximum (\$)</i>	<i>Threshold (#)</i>	<i>Target (#)</i>	<i>Maximum (#)</i>	<i>All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares or Units (#)</i>	<i>Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Awards (#)</i>		<i>Exercise or Base Price of Option (\$/Share)</i>
Arnold	2/23/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 370,834	\$1,483,334	\$5,766,000							
	2/23/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>				12,320	49,280	98,560				\$3,765
	2/23/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>				20,520	25,650	25,650				\$1,450
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>							24,640			\$1,288
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>								132,850	\$56.55	\$1,453
	6/1/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>							16,221			\$930
Aron	2/23/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 216,750	\$867,000	\$4,324,500							
	2/23/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>				7,393	29,570	59,140				\$2,259
	2/23/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>				20,520	25,650	25,650				\$1,450
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>							14,785			\$772
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>								79,700	\$56.55	\$871
ithi	2/23/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 178,500	\$714,000	\$4,324,500							
	2/23/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>				4,929	19,715	39,430				\$1,506
	2/23/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>				15,640	19,550	19,550				\$1,105
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>							9,860			\$515
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>								53,150	\$56.55	\$581
adav	2/23/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 146,063	\$584,250	\$2,883,000							
	2/23/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>				4,435	17,740	35,480				\$1,355

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	2/23/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>		6,656	8,320	8,320				\$470
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>					8,870			\$463
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>						47,850	\$56.55	\$523
uire	2/23/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 111,685	\$446,742	\$2,883,000					
	2/23/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>				3,204	12,815	25,630		\$979
	2/23/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>				12,716	15,895	15,895		\$898
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>						6,410		\$335
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>						34,550	\$56.55	\$377
utler	2/23/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 203,125	\$812,500	\$5,766,000					
	2/23/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>				20,943	83,770	167,540		\$6,400
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>						41,885		\$2,189
	2/23/2016 <sup>(4)</sup>						225,800	\$56.55	\$2,470

- (1) **SENIOR EIC PLAN.** The amounts shown represent potential payments that were established for 2016 under our Senior EIC Plan. As described in Short-Term Performance-Based Compensation on page 39, the Committee established a pool under the Senior EIC plan, which was expressed as a percentage of an objective corporate performance goal. A portion of this pool was assigned to each participant, thereby establishing each individual's maximum award opportunity. The Committee considered the maximum allocation generated by the net income pool as well as achievement of corporate CFR and EPS, business unit and individual goals to determine actual incentive awards.
- (2) **ESIP AWARD.** The amounts shown represent the potential payments that were established in February 2016 for the 2016-2018 ESIP Award Period. The ESIP opportunities were denominated in performance share units. The number of performance share units was determined by dividing the target value of the ESIP opportunity by the average closing price of our shares over the first 30 trading days of 2016 and rounding up to the nearest 5 shares. At the end of the award period, the number of ESIP performance share units will be adjusted based on the Company's TSR rank among a group of peers. The

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final number of performance share units cannot exceed two times the original number of share units. Dividend equivalents will be paid based on the earned number of performance share units and the aggregate dividend paid to our investors over the three-year award period. Actual awards, if any, will be distributed in the first quarter of 2019 and the value realized will vary based on share price appreciation and relative TSR. Mr. Cutler's award will be prorated based on his retirement date.

- (3) **PERFORMANCE RSUs**. These amounts represent Performance RSUs granted on February 23, 2016. Performance shares will vest in 2019, subject to the achievement of restructuring goals described on page 44. The actual amounts realized by individual named executive officers, if any, will depend on the level of goal achievement and the market performance of our shares.
- (4) **STOCK OPTIONS and RSUs**. These amounts represent stock options and RSUs granted on February 23, 2016 and June 1, 2016.

The value of performance shares and restricted stock units shown in this table are computed in accordance with ASC 718. The value of stock options is based on a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The assumptions used in connection with the valuations of the grants in this table are further described in Note 11 to Consolidated Financial Statements of our 2016 annual report. The actual amounts realized by individual named executive officers will vary based on a number of factors, including the market performance of our shares and timing of option exercises.



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**OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END 2016**

The following table summarizes the outstanding equity awards held by the named executive officers at December 31, 2016. The closing price of our ordinary shares on the last trading day in 2016 (\$67.09) was used to determine the market value of the unvested RSAs and RSUs shown in the Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) column. All share amounts and per-share prices for awards and objectives established before February 28, 2011 have been adjusted to reflect the Company's two-for-one stock split that occurred on that date.

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (a)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (b)	Exercise Price (c)	Option Expiration Date (d)	Grant Date (e)	Number of Shares or Units of Stock that Have Not Vested (#)(1)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: No. of Unearned Shares or Units of Stock that Have Not Vested (#)(2)
<b>C.</b>									
Arnold	2/23/2016	-	132,850	\$ 56.55	2/23/2026	6/1/2016	16,221 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1,088,267	
	2/24/2015	11,847	24,053	\$ 71.72	2/24/2025	2/23/2016	24,640	\$ 1,653,098	74,930
	2/25/2014	17,259	8,891	\$ 75.36	2/25/2024	2/24/2015	5,267	\$ 353,363	15,720
	7/23/2013	42,000	-	\$ 68.95	7/23/2023	2/25/2014	2,443	\$ 163,901	
	2/21/2012	44,100	-	\$ 51.94	2/21/2022	7/23/2013	2,978 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 199,794	
	2/22/2011	44,000	-	\$ 53.71	2/22/2021				
R. Fearon	2/23/2016	-	79,700	\$ 56.55	2/23/2026	2/23/2016	14,785	\$ 991,926	55,220
	2/24/2015	11,847	24,053	\$ 71.72	2/24/2025	2/24/2015	5,267	\$ 353,363	15,720
	2/25/2014	17,259	8,891	\$ 75.36	2/25/2024	2/25/2014	2,443	\$ 163,901	
	7/23/2013	42,000	-	\$ 68.95	7/23/2023				
	2/21/2012	44,100	-	\$ 51.94	2/21/2022				
	2/22/2011	44,000	-	\$ 53.71	2/22/2021				
<b>R.</b>									
Advaith	2/23/2016	-	53,150	\$ 56.55	2/23/2026	2/23/2016	9,860	\$ 661,507	39,260
	2/24/2015	9,025	18,325	\$ 71.72	2/24/2025	2/24/2015	8,879 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 595,692	11,970

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	2/25/2014	13,167	6,783	\$ 75.36	2/25/2024	2/25/2014	6,312 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 423,472	
	2/26/2013	32,000	-	\$ 59.56	2/26/2023	2/26/2013	7,045 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 472,649	
	2/21/2012	22,050	-	\$ 51.94	2/21/2022				
	2/22/2011	13,000	-	\$ 53.71	2/22/2021				
U. Yadav	2/23/2016	-	47,850	\$ 56.55	2/23/2026	2/23/2016	8,870	\$ 595,088	26,060
	2/24/2015	3,844	7,806	\$ 71.72	2/24/2025	2/24/2015	1,706	\$ 114,456	5,090
	2/25/2014	5,610	2,890	\$ 75.36	2/25/2024	2/25/2014	7,633	\$ 512,098	
	7/23/2013	13,600	-	\$ 68.95	7/23/2023	2/26/2013	5,035 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 337,798	
	2/21/2012	7,950	-	\$ 51.94	2/21/2022	2/21/2012	5,965 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 400,192	
	2/22/2011	7,000	-	\$ 53.71	2/22/2021				
	2/26/2008	2,405	-	\$ 41.57	2/26/2018				
M.									
McGuire	2/23/2016	-	34,550	\$ 56.55	2/23/2026	2/23/2016	6,410	\$ 430,047	28,710
	2/24/2015	7,342	14,908	\$ 71.72	2/24/2025	2/24/2015	3,260	\$ 218,713	9,730
	2/25/2014	10,692	5,508	\$ 75.36	2/25/2024	2/25/2014	1,513	\$ 101,507	
	7/23/2013	26,000	-	\$ 68.95	7/23/2023				
	2/21/2012	24,250	-	\$ 51.94	2/21/2022				
	2/22/2011	24,000	-	\$ 53.71	2/22/2021				
	2/26/2008	45,000	-	\$ 41.57	2/26/2018				
A. Cutler	2/23/2016	-	225,800	\$ 56.55	2/23/2026	2/23/2016	41,885	\$ 2,810,065	11,630
	2/24/2015	47,932	97,318	\$ 71.72	2/24/2025	2/24/2015	21,313	\$ 1,429,889	30,040
	2/25/2014	69,795	35,955	\$ 75.36	2/25/2024	2/25/2014	9,884	\$ 663,118	
	7/23/2013	110,644	-	\$ 68.95	7/23/2023				
	2/21/2012	151,300	-	\$ 51.94	2/21/2022				
	2/22/2011	154,700	-	\$ 53.71	2/22/2021				
	2/26/2008	234,995	-	\$ 41.57	2/26/2018				

(1) Unless otherwise noted, Stock Option awards and restricted stock units granted after 2011 vest in approximately equal installments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of the grant, subject to the executives continued employment with us, such that:

Approximately one-third of the unexercisable option awards and one-third of the unvested stock awards granted in 2016 will vest on each February 23, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Approximately one-half of the unexercisable option awards and one-half of the unvested stock awards granted in 2015 will vest on each February 24, 2017 and 2018.

The unexercisable option awards and unvested stock awards granted in 2014 will vest in 2017.

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- (2) Represents potential payments that were established in 2016 and 2015 for the 2016-2018 and 2015-2017 ESIP Award Periods and the 2016 Restructuring Performance Unit Grant. The number of earned units will be determined at the end of each three-year award period based on the Company's achievement relative to the performance criteria that was established for each award period. The earned number of share units can range from 0 to 200% in the case of ESIP grants and 0 to 100% in the case of the restructuring performance RSU grant. The value realized, if any, will be determined based on the share price when the shares vest.
- (3) Unvested restricted stock units cliff vest on June 1, 2019.
- (4) Unvested restricted stock awards vests on July 23, 2019.
- (5) Includes 4,865 unvested restricted stock awards that cliff vest on February 24, 2025.
- (6) Includes 4,450 unvested restricted stock awards that cliff vest on February 25, 2024.
- (7) Unvested restricted stock awards cliff vest on the tenth anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (8) Includes 6,840 unvested restricted stock awards that cliff vest on February 24, 2025.

**OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED IN 2016**

The following table provides information about exercises of stock options and vesting of RSAs and RSUs during the year ended December 31, 2016. The values for exercised stock options reflect the difference between the aggregate option exercise price and the market price of the applicable number of our shares on the date of exercise. The values for any RSAs or RSUs that vested during 2016 reflect the per share closing price of our ordinary shares on the vesting date multiplied by the number of shares that vested.

Name	<i>Option Awards:</i>		<i>Stock Awards:</i>	
	Number of Shares		Number of Shares	
	Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
C. Arnold	123,000	\$3,106,089	10,791	\$646,794
R. Fearon	67,600	\$1,603,646	10,988	\$659,213
R. Advaiti	20,000	\$737,926	7,274	\$413,775
U. Yadav	8,846	\$228,845	2,773	\$157,538
M. McGuire	40,000	\$933,869	7,128	\$428,622
A. Cutler	279,928	\$6,179,528	31,087	\$1,824,262

(1) Amounts realized upon the exercise of options or on the vesting of RSAs or RSUs are not eligible for deferral under any of our deferred compensation plans.

**2016 PENSION BENEFITS**

We maintain three basic types of retirement income plans for our U.S. salaried employees:

a tax-qualified defined benefit pension plan (referred to as the Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees in the Pension Benefits table) that has two separate benefit formulas: a final average pay formula and a cash balance formula;

two defined benefit restoration plans (collectively referred to as the DB Restoration Plan in the Pension Benefits table); and

a plan that allows us to supplement the pension benefits earned under our qualified pension plan and nonqualified DB Restoration Plan to certain elected officers and executives who are recruited by us mid-career (referred to as the Limited Service Supplemental Plan in the Pension Benefits table).

**Tax-Qualified Retirement Income Plans** Effective January 1, 2003, employees who were then earning benefits under the Average Final Annual Compensation benefit formula (the AFAC benefit formula ) under the Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees (the Pension Plan ) were given the option to either: (a) continue earning benefits under the AFAC benefit formula, or (b) convert the value of their accrued benefit to an opening balance and commence earning benefits in an Eaton Personal Pension Account under the cash balance formula (the EPPA benefit formula ). Salaried employees hired on or after January 1, 2002, but before April 1, 2013, automatically earn benefits under the EPPA benefit formula upon becoming eligible for participation in the retirement plan.

**Under the AFAC benefit formula**, annual normal retirement benefits are computed at the rate of 1% of average final annual compensation up to the applicable Social Security integration level plus 1.5% of average final annual compensation in excess of the Social Security integration level, multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. In addition, the employee receives a supplement equal to 1/2% of average final annual compensation up to the applicable Social Security integration level payable until the Social Security Normal Retirement Age. An employee's average final annual compensation is the average annual amount of his or her eligible compensation (generally consisting of salary plus

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short-term executive incentive compensation for service during the five consecutive years within the last 10 years of employment for which the employee's total compensation was the greatest). Years of credited service includes the number of years of employment between age 21 and retirement, subject to a maximum of 44 years. Corporate policies require the named executive officers to retire at age 65.

**Under the EPPA benefit formula**, a participant's single sum retirement benefit is accumulated throughout his or her career with us. This single sum amount is represented as a notional account balance to which credits are regularly added. The credits are equal to a percentage of eligible compensation (generally consisting of salary and short-term incentive compensation) plus interest at a specified rate and, where applicable, cost-of-living including credits on certain opening balances. The percentage of eligible compensation credited to the participant's notional account balance varies over his or her career based on the sum of the participant's age and service with us. For any period when that sum is less than 50, 5.0% of eligible compensation is credited. For any period when the sum is between 50 and 59 (inclusive), 6.0% of eligible compensation is credited. When the sum is between 60 and 69 (inclusive), 7.0% of eligible compensation is credited. When the sum is 70 or greater, 8.0% of eligible compensation is credited. Except as noted below, upon termination of employment, the notional account balance is available as a single sum or may be converted to one of several annuity forms. Under the standard post-retirement surviving spouse option for the AFAC and EPPA benefit formulas, the participant receives a reduced pension, and a pension equal to 50% of the reduced pension is payable to his or her surviving spouse. For example, the benefit for an employee electing that option at age 65 whose spouse is five years younger would be approximately 11.5% less than the amount of the participant's annual benefit.

Any employee hired on or after April 1, 2013 and all U.S. employees of Cooper immediately prior to our acquisition of Cooper will receive an additional employer contribution under the Eaton Savings Plan in lieu of a benefit under the Pension Plan.

**Nonqualified Defined Benefit Retirement Plans**    Certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code limit the annual benefits that may be paid from a tax-qualified retirement plan. This includes a limitation on the amount of annual compensation that may be taken into account in calculating a participant's benefit under a qualified retirement plan. As permitted under the Internal Revenue Code, the Board of Directors has authorized the payment from our general funds of any benefits calculated under the provisions of the applicable pension plan that may exceed those limits. This applies to all participants, including the named executive officers.

**Limited Eaton Service Supplemental Retirement Income Plan**    The Board of Directors has adopted a plan that provides supplemental annual retirement income to elected officers and certain executives who do not have the opportunity to accumulate significant credited service with us under our tax-qualified retirement income plans, provided that they either retire at age 55 or older and have at least 10 years of service with us or retire at age 65 or older regardless of the years of service. The amount of the annual supplement generally is equal to the amount by which a percentage of the executive's average final annual compensation exceeds his or her earned retirement income. This includes amounts receivable under the retirement plans described above. The percentage of average final annual compensation used for this purpose depends upon an executive's age and years of service at retirement. The percentage ranges from 25% (for retirements at age 55 with less than 15 years of service) to 50% (for retirements at age 62 or older with 15 years or more of service). Benefits accrued and vested before January 1, 2005 under either the

nonqualified or the limited service plans generally are paid in one of the forms available under the Pension Plans as elected by the participant. Benefits earned after 2004 are paid as a single lump sum. With respect to all benefits, regardless of when accrued, the present value of the benefit will be paid in a single installment upon a change of control of the Company.

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This table shows the estimated present value of the benefits payable under each of our retirement income plans to each named executive officer.

**2016 PENSION BENEFITS**

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years of Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
C. Arnold	Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees	16.25	\$743,467	-
	DB Restoration Plan	16.25	\$4,385,400	-
	Limited Service Supplemental Plan	16.25	\$2,520,115	-
R. Fearon	Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees	14.75	\$282,219	-
	DB Restoration Plan	14.75	\$1,144,427	-
	Limited Service Supplemental Plan	14.75	\$7,789,873	-
R. Advaiti	Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees	16.00	\$381,252	-
	DB Restoration Plan	16.00	\$1,126,490	-
	Limited Service Supplemental Plan	16.00	\$1,077,005	-
U. Yadav	Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees	22.75	\$254,014	-
	DB Restoration Plan	22.75	\$291,946	-
	Limited Service Supplemental Plan	22.75	\$2,673,722	-
M. McGuire	Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees	11.08	\$192,613	-
	DB Restoration Plan	11.08	\$445,176	-
	Limited Service Supplemental Plan	11.08	\$3,523,341	-
A. Cutler	Pension Plan for Eaton Corporation Employees	40.75	-	\$1,978,461
	DB Restoration Plan	40.75	\$4,323,706	\$22,963,697
	Limited Service Supplemental Plan	40.75	-	-

**2016 NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

We provide our executives with opportunities to defer the receipt of their earned and otherwise payable awards under our short- and long-term cash incentive plans. We offer these plans to provide:

our executives with an opportunity to accumulate additional retirement assets,  
a means for acquiring our shares in order to meet our share ownership guidelines, and  
an additional form of employment retention.

Despite their popularity across our industry, we currently do not provide our executives with a nonqualified defined contribution plan that enables them to defer base salary amounts in excess of Internal Revenue Code limits that restrict such deferrals under our tax-qualified defined contribution plan. However, in 2014 the Company established a nonqualified defined contribution plan for employees who receive the additional employer contribution under the Eaton Savings Plan (as described under 2016 Pension Benefits on page 57) and whose employer contribution is restricted by IRS limits. No named executive officers participate in this plan.

The following table includes not only amounts contributed, earned and distributed as deferred compensation in the last fiscal year, but also includes compensation that the named executive officer elected to defer in all prior years. Therefore, the **Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year-End** column contains the total of all contributions and earnings since the named executive officer began deferring compensation. The plans covered by the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table are as follows:

the Deferred Incentive Compensation Plan (the **DIC Plan** );  
the Deferred Incentive Compensation Plan II (the **DIC Plan II** ); and  
the Incentive Compensation Deferral Plan II (the **IC Deferral Plan II** ).

**DIC Plans** On February 10, 2010, the Committee approved the termination of the DIC Plan with respect to all participant accounts, including those of our current named executive officers, except for certain accounts that contain deferrals for the years 1986 through 1989. The accounts that were not terminated earn fixed interest based on market rates and individual mortality assumptions in effect at the time of the deferrals.



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Short-term incentive compensation earned prior to December 31, 2004 was eligible for deferral under the DIC Plan. Short-term incentive compensation earned after December 31, 2004 is eligible to be deferred under the DIC Plan II. Incentive compensation earned in 2005 through December 31, 2007 that was deferred under the DIC Plan II was credited with earnings that accrued on a phantom share basis, as if the deferred amounts were invested in our ordinary shares, with earned dividends reinvested in shares. Under the DIC Plan II, prior to the beginning of each calendar year, participants must elect the method and timing of payment with respect to the incentive compensation to be earned in the year that is subject to the deferral election. The creation of the DIC Plan II and the exclusion of deferrals under the prior plan were implemented to satisfy the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 409A under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (409A). Beginning with deferrals of short-term incentive compensation earned during 2008 and after for payment following retirement, each executive will have a choice of deferring up to 100% of his or her annual incentive compensation into either or both of (a) an account tracked on a phantom share basis and paid out in our actual shares or (b) an account that earns interest equal to that paid on 10-year Treasury Notes plus 300 basis points. Executives also may defer compensation under the DIC Plan II on a short-term basis for payment within 5 years or less.

**IC Deferral Plan**    Similarly, cash settled long-term incentive compensation earned after December 31, 2004 is eligible for deferral under the IC Deferral Plan II. Under the IC Deferral Plan II, prior to the beginning of any award period for which an award may be earned, or later if permitted by us in the case of performance-based compensation (as defined in the final regulations under 409A), participants must elect the method and timing of payment with respect to the incentive compensation to be earned during that award period, and that is subject to the deferral election. When an executive elects to defer a long-term incentive award under the IC Deferral Plan II for payment at or following his or her retirement, earnings on a minimum of 50% of the deferred amount must be tracked on a phantom share basis. The remainder of the amount deferred to retirement earns interest equivalents equal to that paid on 10-year Treasury Notes plus 300 basis points. At retirement, the portion of the executive's account that is deferred into phantom shares is paid in our shares. Incentive compensation deferred pursuant to our deferral plans is unsecured, subject to the claims of our creditors and is exposed to the risk of our non-payment.

A grantor trust that we previously established, the assets of which are subject to the claims of our creditors, will be used to pay those obligations related to deferred incentive compensation earned by our executives prior to 2005. The transaction to acquire Cooper Industries plc required Eaton to fund the vested liabilities in the trust in the amount of \$7.8 million. No comparable trust arrangements currently are in place with respect to incentive compensation deferred after 2004.

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Name	Plan Name	Executive Registrant		Aggregate	Aggregate	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End <sup>(2)</sup>
		Contributions in Last Fiscal Year	Contributions in Last Fiscal Year	Earnings in Last Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Withdrawals/ Distributions	
C. Arnold	DIC Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	DIC Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	IC Deferral Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-
R. Fearon	DIC Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	DIC Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	IC Deferral Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-
R. Advaiti	DIC Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	DIC Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	IC Deferral Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-
U. Yadav	DIC Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	DIC Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	IC Deferral Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-
M. McGuire	DIC Plan	-	-	-	-	-
	DIC Plan II	-	-	\$69,127	-	\$444,625
	IC Deferral Plan II	-	-	\$257,369	-	\$1,776,681
(First year of deferral: 2006)	Subtotal	-	-	\$326,496	-	\$2,221,306
A. Cutler	DIC Plan	-	-	\$192,388	-	\$1,586,507
	DIC Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
	IC Deferral Plan II	-	-	-	-	-
(First year of deferral: 1983)	Subtotal	-	-	\$192,388	-	\$1,586,507

(1) When applicable, the amounts reported in the Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year column are also reported in the Changes in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings column of the Summary Compensation Table, to the extent such earnings exceed 120% of the applicable federal rate as determined under

the Internal Revenue Code. In 2016, Mr. Cutler received above-market earnings on his nonqualified deferred compensation in the amount of \$14,220.

(2) Mr. Cutler's aggregate balance includes amounts he earned and elected to defer before he became a named executive officer. Mr. McGuire's aggregate balance includes \$286,104 and \$1,202,320 of executive contributions that were reported in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the 2011 and 2013 Summary Compensation Tables, respectively.

#### 2016 POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION

A named executive officer may experience a termination of employment under several possible situations. In each of these circumstances, certain plans, agreements, arrangements or practices would provide compensation to the executive in varying amounts. We do not provide employment contracts to our executives and do not have plans or arrangements (other than the Change of Control Agreements previously discussed and standard severance benefits available to all U.S. salaried, nonunion employees) that would require any payment to a named executive officer in the event of a termination of his or her employment.

Instead, the Compensation and Organization Committee of our Board of Directors exercises the sole discretion to decide what, if any, additional severance payments or benefits will be offered to an executive in the case of a termination of employment. In exercising this discretion, the Committee takes a number of factors into consideration, including the reasons for the termination and the individual executive's personal circumstances. The Committee believes that it is in the best interest of the Company and our shareholders to insure that a departing executive is treated fairly and in a manner that will help us to secure appropriate confidentiality, non-competition, non-solicitation, non-disparagement and general release agreements. Moreover, providing fair and reasonable employment termination compensation is consistent with our overall compensation philosophy.

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For each of the termination of employment scenarios described below, the estimated potential payments and benefits that might be received by each named executive officer are displayed in the table that immediately follows that description.

#### **Background and Basic Assumptions**

In this section, we discuss termination of employment scenarios that include: (a) Voluntary Resignation or a Termination for Cause; (b) Normal and Early Retirement; (c) Involuntary Termination Not for Cause; (d) Change of Control; and (e) Death or Disability. The following key principles and assumptions apply to these disclosures:

Under each of the scenarios, we have assumed that each of the named executive officer's employment terminated on December 31, 2016. Mr. Cutler is only included in the retirement scenario based his May 31, 2016 retirement. Each officer's eligibility for the amounts reported as severance payments and benefit arrangements are based on his or her compensation and years of service as of December 31, 2016.

An executive would be eligible for a full award under the short-term incentive plan for the year ending December 31, 2016 and a full award under a long-term incentive plan for the four-year period ending December 31, 2016 if such an award had been payable. We would calculate and pay any such earned awards in accordance with the normal operation of the plans. Therefore, we have not included these awards in the following scenarios because they do not represent a severance or other payment that is triggered by employment termination.

We maintain a Severance Benefit Plan in which each of the named executive officers participates along with all of our U.S. salaried, non-union employees. We generally pay benefits under this Plan only in the case of an involuntary termination of employment other than for Cause. We calculate the benefits under this plan based on the length of service with us from the most recent date of hire. The maximum severance payment under this plan equals one year of base salary and continuation of health and welfare benefits for six months. However, the severance payment that we would expect to provide to a named executive officer under the scenarios described below would be made in lieu of any benefit under these standard severance arrangements.

To the extent the Committee would decide that a terminated executive is eligible for pro-rated participation in one or more of the open award periods under our long-term incentive plans, the estimated pro-rated awards shown in the following scenarios reflect (a) credit for the total number of months of service with us from the start of an eligible award period through the executive's termination date as a percentage of the total number of months in the award period multiplied by (b) the officer's target award for each open award period. Although we show the aggregate amount of these estimated payments for the named executive officers as a lump sum amount, except in the case of a payment with respect to a termination in connection with a change of control, our practice would be to make the pro-rated payments to executives at the end of each of the award periods once actual performance under the plan is known.

Under the terms of our standard form of stock option, RSA and RSU grant agreements for grants awarded prior to May 1, 2015, in the case of a change of control of the Company, vesting of all of the executives' outstanding unvested equity grants would be accelerated. For grants awarded after May 1, 2015, acceleration only occurs if the acquiring company does not assume or replace the grants or if the executive is terminated in connection with the change in control of the Company.

Except under very unusual circumstances, the Committee would not provide any increases, payment acceleration or other enhancements to the benefits previously earned or credited under our benefit plans or programs in connection with any of the termination scenarios. These plans and programs would include (a) all retirement income plans (including defined benefit, defined contribution and nonqualified retirement income plans), (b) health and welfare plans (including post-retirement medical and life insurance coverage), (c) any vested and accrued vacation and (d) any amounts credited to the executives' accounts under our nonqualified deferred compensation plans. Payments of earned and vested amounts under these plans and programs are not included in the scenarios described below. In these termination scenarios, we expect that the Committee would provide the executive (or, in the case of death, the estate or surviving spouse, if any) with continued reimbursement for the cost of income tax return preparation and estate and financial planning services for the year of and year following termination of employment. These reimbursements to the executives would be reported as imputed income and would be subject to ordinary income tax treatment. The estimated expense reimbursements shown in the scenarios below represent the approximate cost of this benefit based on the amount of each named executive officer's most recent reimbursement.

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An executive is not entitled to receive any additional forms of compensation or benefits, other than any accrued and vested vacation, deferral account balances and vested qualified and nonqualified retirement income, if he or she voluntarily resigns when he or she is not yet eligible for retirement or if his or her employment with us is terminated for Cause.

**Normal and Early Retirement**

Each named executive officer is subject to mandatory retirement at age 65 and is eligible to elect voluntary retirement after having attained age 55 with ten or more years of service. Consistent with the policy applied to non-executive employees, in the event we involuntarily terminate an officer after the officer attained age 50 with ten or more years of service, he or she also would be treated as a retiree under the programs described below. Messrs. Arnold, Fearon and McGuire would have the age and Company service necessary for retirement. Ms. Advaiti and Mr. Yadav did not meet the age and service requirements to be treated as a retiree under these programs. A projected termination benefit is shown below only for those officers who would have been treated as retirees at year end. Mr. Cutler retired on May 31, 2016 and the amounts shown represent the value at year end of unvested stock and option awards, prorated potential payments under our ESIP Plan and financial planning reimbursement. In this retirement scenario, the Committee also may exercise its discretion to provide the executive with the following:

pro-rated eligibility in the open award periods under our long-term incentive plan (ESIP); vesting of the then unvested stock options, RSAs and RSUs according to the vesting schedule set forth in each grant agreement. For illustrative purposes, these awards are valued based on the closing price of our shares on December 31, 2016 (\$67.09), regardless of when they vest; and reimbursement for the costs of income tax return preparation and estate and financial planning assistance for the year of and year following retirement.

	Pro-Rated		Equity	Tax Preparation			
	Base and Short-Term	Long-Term	Vesting	Benefit	and Financial		
	Incentive Severance	Incentive	Into	Continuation	Counseling	Displacement	Total
C. Arnold	-	\$2,781,598	\$6,115,496	-	\$23,600	-	\$8,920,694
R. Fearon	-	\$2,295,878	\$3,606,063	-	\$31,170	-	\$5,933,111
M. McGuire	-	\$1,286,750	\$2,951,557	-	\$23,740	-	\$4,262,047
A. Cutler	-	\$7,932,227	\$7,283,003	-	\$39,800	-	\$15,255,030

**Involuntary Termination Not for Cause**

In the event of an involuntary termination (not for cause), the Committee typically would provide a named executive officer with the following items.

severance pay equal to two times the total of his or her base salary and target incentive award under our short-term incentive plan;

pro-rated eligibility in any open award periods under the long-term incentive plans in which the officer had participated for at least half of the award period as of the termination date;

continuation of health and welfare benefits for six months;

executive outplacement benefits; and

an officer who is involuntarily terminated after having reached eligibility for early retirement generally would receive the other pay and benefits outlined under Normal and Early Retirement.

These amounts are shown for each named executive officer in the table below. Mr. Cutler is not included in this scenario because he retired on May 31, 2016.

		Tax Preparation					
		Pro-Rated			and		
	Base and Short-Term Incentive Severance	Long-Term Incentive	Equity Into Retirement Vesting	Benefit Continuation	Financial Counseling	Outplacement	Total
C. Arnold	\$5,500,000	\$2,781,598	\$6,115,496	\$10,017	\$23,600	\$18,000	\$14,448,711
R. Fearon	\$3,502,000	\$2,295,878	\$3,606,063	\$12,796	\$31,170	\$18,000	\$9,465,907
R. Advaiti	\$1,442,000	\$1,195,189	-	\$10,019	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$2,685,208
U. Yadav	\$1,214,250	\$509,388	-	\$8,038	\$18,440	\$18,000	\$1,768,116
M. McGuire	\$2,108,153	\$844,916	\$2,951,557	\$9,420	\$23,740	\$18,000	\$5,955,787

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Another scenario under which a named executive officer's employment may terminate is through a qualifying termination in connection with a change of control of the Company. We have entered into Change of Control Agreements with each of our officers, including the named executive officers, which provide for payments and benefits in the event of a termination of employment in the context of a change of control of the Company. In addition, as noted above in Background and Basic Assumptions, under the terms of our standard form of stock option, RSA and RSU grant agreements, in the case of a change of control of the Company, vesting of all of the executives' outstanding unvested equity grants would be accelerated if the grants are not assumed or replaced by the acquiring company or if the executive is terminated in connection with the change in control.

The Change of Control Agreements that we have with our officers contain the following key provisions:

The agreement first becomes effective upon a change of control of the Company.

For the two years following the change of control, the agreement protects the executive officer from certain changes to his or her employment, position, duties, compensation and benefits.

If, during this two-year period, the successor company terminates the executive officer's employment other than for Cause (which includes the willful and continued failure of the executive to perform his or her duties, the executive's conviction of a felony involving dishonesty, or the executive's willful engagement in gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company) or Disability or if the executive terminates his or her employment for Good Reason (which includes the assignment to the executive of any duties inconsistent in any respect with the executive's position; failure by the Company to comply with any of the provisions of the Change of Control Agreement (other than inadvertent failure not occurring in bad faith); the Company requiring the executive to be based at any office or location that differs from what is specified in the Change of Control Agreement; or the Company requiring the Executive to travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than was required immediately prior to the change of control), the executive would receive:

- a. A lump sum cash payment equal to the aggregate of (a) any earned but as yet unpaid base salary and short-term and long-term incentive awards (ESIP) for completed incentive award periods, (b) a prorated portion of his or her target opportunity for any open ESIP award periods and (c) the executive's annual base salary and target incentive opportunity under the short-term plan multiplied by three;  
Two years of the payment described in item (c) above represents severance payments and one year is in exchange for an agreement not to compete with the Company for a period of one year following the termination date.
- b. Continued health and welfare benefits as if the executive's employment had not been terminated for a period of two years.



To the extent that any payments under the Change of Control Agreements are deferred compensation and the executive is a specified employee within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 409A and the regulations thereunder (determined in accordance with the methodology established by us as of the date of termination of employment), such payments or other benefits will not be paid or provided before the first business day that is six months after the date of termination of employment.

No executives receive tax protection on payments made in connection with a change in control.

As is common practice with such agreements, these payments and benefits would not be subject to any requirement that the officer seek other employment or any other form of mitigation. We would pay the officer's legal fees if he or she needed to take action to enforce the provisions of the agreement or defend the agreement's terms if contested by us.

Based on the foregoing assumptions, the estimated amounts payable to each named executive officer upon a termination of employment in connection with a change of control of the Company are shown in the table below. Mr. Cutler is not included in this scenario because he retired on May 31, 2016.

	Base and Annual	Pro-Rated Long-Term	Accelerated	Tax Preparation Benefit	and Financial		Total
	Incentive Severance	Incentive	Equity	Continuation	Counseling	Outplacement	
C. Arnold	\$8,150,502	\$2,781,598	\$6,115,496	\$40,066	\$23,600	\$18,000	\$17,129,263
R. Fearon	\$5,513,100	\$2,295,878	\$3,606,063	\$51,184	\$31,170	\$18,000	\$11,515,395
R. Advaithi	\$4,433,100	\$1,681,058	\$3,449,911	\$40,076	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$9,642,144
U. Yadav	\$3,730,388	\$946,611	\$2,841,869	\$32,153	\$18,440	\$18,000	\$7,587,459
M. McGuire	\$3,229,241	\$1,286,750	\$2,951,557	\$37,678	\$23,740	\$18,000	\$7,546,967

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In the event of the death or disability of a named executive officer, the executive or the estate, whichever is appropriate, would receive pro-rated payments for any open award periods under our long-term incentive plan (ESIP). In addition, the Committee could exercise its discretion to accelerate the vesting of any unvested stock options and RSAs. These amounts are shown for each named executive officer in the table below. Mr. Cutler is not included in this scenario because he retired on May 31, 2016.

		Pro-Rated		Tax Preparation			
	Base and Annual	Long-Term	Shares	Benefit	Financial		
	Incentive Severance	Incentive	Subject to	Continuation	Counseling	Replacement	Total
C. Arnold	-	\$2,781,598	\$6,115,496	-	\$23,600	-	\$8,920,694
R. Fearon	-	\$2,295,878	\$3,606,063	-	\$31,170	-	\$5,933,111
R. Advaithi	-	\$1,681,058	\$3,449,911	-	\$20,000	-	\$5,150,968
U. Yadav	-	\$946,611	\$2,841,869	-	\$18,440	-	\$3,806,920
M. McGuire	-	\$1,286,750	\$2,951,557	-	\$23,740	-	\$4,262,047

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**Proposal 6: Advisory Vote on the Frequency of an**

**Advisory Vote on Executive**

**Compensation**

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are asking shareholders to vote on whether future advisory votes on executive compensation of the nature reflected in Proposal 5 should occur every year, every two years or every three years. Currently, pursuant to the shareholder advisory vote taken in connection with the 2011 Annual Meeting of our predecessor company, Eaton Corporation, shareholders vote in an advisory capacity on executive compensation annually.

After careful consideration, our Board of Directors has determined that an advisory vote on executive compensation that occurs every year remains the most appropriate alternative for our Company, and therefore our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote for a one-year interval in this regard.

The Company and the Board continue to feel that an annual advisory vote on executive compensation will be most effective as it will foster frequent, ongoing engagement and dialog between our Board and our constituents. While the Company's executive compensation programs are designed to promote a long-term connection between pay and performance, the Board of Directors recognizes that executive compensation disclosures are made annually. The Board welcomes shareholder input, each year, on our compensation philosophy, policies and practices as disclosed annually in our proxy statement. You may cast your vote on your preferred voting frequency by choosing the option of one year, two years, three years or you may abstain from voting when you vote in response to the resolution set forth below.

*RESOLVED, that the option of once every one year, two years, or three years that receives the highest number of votes cast for this resolution will be determined to be the advisory vote result regarding the frequency with which the Company is to hold a shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the proxy statement.*

The option of one year, two years or three years that receives the highest number of votes cast by shareholders will be the frequency for the advisory vote on executive compensation that has been selected by shareholders. However, because this vote is advisory and not binding on the Board of Directors or the Company, the Board may decide that it is in the best interests of our shareholders and the Company to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation more or less frequently than the option approved by our shareholders.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote to conduct future advisory votes  
on executive compensation every year .



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Non-employee directors receive their retainer in an equal mix of cash and equity. In February 2016, the Governance Committee reduced the total retainer from \$290,000 to \$265,000, to be split equally between cash and equity. The Committee reduced the retainer because the costs associated with Directors' travel to Board meetings are no longer treated as imputed income subject to Irish tax withholding. Compensation for our non-employee directors was structured as follows:

**Cash Compensation****2016 DIRECTOR CASH COMPENSATION**

Annual cash service retainer for all Board members	\$132,500
Additional Committee service retainers:	
Lead Director ( <i>N.C. Lautenbach</i> )	\$30,000
Audit Committee Chair ( <i>G. Smith</i> )	\$30,000
Compensation and Organization Committee Chair ( <i>C. Connor</i> )	\$30,000
Finance Committee Chair ( <i>S. Pianalto</i> )	\$20,000
Governance Committee Chair ( <i>A. Johnson</i> )	\$20,000
Audit Committee members ( <i>Mses. McCoy, Pianalto and Thompson and Messrs. Page and Smith</i> )	\$15,000

Non-employee directors may defer payment of their fees as described in "Other Plans and Benefits" below and in footnote (5) to the table on page 68.

**Equity Compensation**

**Restricted Share Units** Under our Stock Plan as approved by our shareholders, non-employee directors also receive RSUs with a value that is approximately equal to the annual cash retainer in effect on the grant date (\$132,500 for 2016). The 2016 RSUs were granted Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The number of units a director received was based on the average New York Stock Exchange closing price over the first thirty trading days of the year. RSUs receive dividend equivalents that are reinvested as RSUs. The Governance Committee sets the terms and conditions for non-employee director RSUs. No additional equity awards may be granted to our non-employee directors under any of our other stock plans.

**Robust Holding Requirement**

RSUs granted to non-employee directors vest at retirement, thereby creating a robust holding requirement. We measure actual ownership relative to a threshold holding requirement of five times the annual cash retainer. Directors are expected to reach that level of ownership within five years of joining our Board.

**Anti-Hedging and Pledging**

We also have a policy that prohibits directors from pledging or engaging in financial hedging of their investment risk in our shares.

**Other Plans and Benefits**

Under the Non-Employee Director Fee Deferral Plan adopted by the Board in 2012, non-employee directors can elect to defer fees earned after 2012. Their rate of return varies depending on whether they defer the fees as retirement compensation or as short-term compensation. Prior to 2013, non-employee directors could elect to defer fees under the plans described in footnote 5 to the table on page 68.

Non-employee directors who were initially elected to the Board prior to 2008 are provided access to certain health and welfare benefit arrangements, which include \$100,000 in group term life insurance and participation in medical and dental coverage designed to mirror benefits provided to our employees. Former non-employee directors retain the following benefits after retirement: group term life insurance, with coverage reduced to \$33,333; medical (but not dental) coverage; and the right to exercise stock options until the tenth anniversary of their grant dates (depending upon length of Board service and age at retirement). Both current and retired non-employee directors are entitled to participate in the same gift matching program that is available to all of our current and retired employees. Under this program we match contributions to qualified charitable organizations dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$5,000 in any calendar year.

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The table below shows the compensation and benefits applicable to our non-employee directors for 2016.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	Change in Pension			Total
			Non-Equity Option Plan <sup>(3)</sup>	Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	All Other Compensation <sup>(6)</sup>	
		Compensation <sup>(4)</sup>	Earnings <sup>(5)</sup>	Compensation <sup>(6)</sup>	Compensation	
T. Bluedorn	\$146,875	\$147,878	-	-	\$15,097	\$309,850
C. Connor	\$165,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$22,852	\$336,355
M. Critelli	\$146,875	\$147,878	-	-	\$24,772	\$319,525
C. Golden	\$150,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$22,060	\$320,563
L. Hill	\$135,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$195	\$283,698
A. Johnson	\$155,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$22,060	\$325,563
N. Lautenbach	\$180,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$24,532	\$353,035
D. McCoy	\$150,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$22,852	\$321,355
G. Page	\$173,125	\$147,878	-	-	\$23,584	\$344,587
S. Pianalto	\$153,125	\$147,878	-	-	\$195	\$301,198
G. Smith	\$165,625	\$147,878	-	-	\$195	\$313,698
D. Thompson	\$36,875	-	-	-	\$195	\$37,070

- (1) Fees Earned or Paid in Cash includes the total annual cash retainer and where applicable, retainers for the Committee Chairs, Lead Director and Audit Committee members. D. Thompson was appointed to the Board of Directors on July 29, 2016.
- (2) Stock Awards column reports the grant date fair value of the 2,615 restricted share units awarded to each director on February 23, 2016. D. Thompson did not receive a grant in 2016. As of December 31, 2016, the following non-employee directors each held 19,170 unvested stock awards: C. Connor, M. Critelli, C. Golden, A. Johnson, D. McCoy and G. Page. L. Hill and G. Smith each held 9,580 unvested stock awards. T. Bluedorn held 16,116 unvested stock awards. S. Pianalto held 5,035 unvested stock awards. N. Lautenbach retired on December 31, 2016 and his stock awards vested in accordance with the terms of each respective grant agreement.
- (3) Option Awards Non-employee directors did not receive stock option grants in 2016. As of December 31, 2016, non-employee directors held the following number of outstanding stock options: C. Connor, C. Golden, D. McCoy and G. Page each held 6,450. T. Bluedorn, M. Critelli, L. Hill, A. Johnson, S. Pianalto, G. Smith and D. Thompson had no stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2016.
- (4) Non-Equity Compensation Plan Non-employee directors do not participate in any of Eaton's incentive plans and do not receive incentive awards or bonuses.
- (5) Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings There is no pension in place for non-employee directors. Non-employee directors first elected before 1996 may defer payment of their annual fees,

up to \$30,000 per year, at an interest rate specified in their deferred compensation agreement. The rate of interest is based upon the number of years from the date of the director's initial election until the first annual meeting to be held following the director's 68th birthday and is higher than prevailing market rates. Under a separate deferral plan, all nonemployee directors may defer payment of their fees at a rate of return that varies depending on whether the director defers the fees as retirement compensation or as short-term compensation. At least 50% of retirement compensation, or any greater portion that the director elects, is converted to share units and earns share price appreciation and dividend equivalents. The balance of retirement compensation earns 10-year Treasury Note returns plus 300 basis points. Short-term compensation earns 13-week Treasury Bill returns. In 2016, no non-employee directors received above-market earnings on nonqualified deferred compensation.

(6) All Other Compensation All other compensation, as shown in the following table, includes our contributions in 2016 for the group term life insurance and travel accident insurance for the loss of life or limb while traveling on our business, imputed income attributable to participation in medical and or dental benefits, and cash dividends paid to each Director in 2016 on the unvested restricted shares he or she was granted prior to 2013.

	Dividends on	Life Insurance	Travel Accident Insurance	Medical and Dental Insurance	Total Other Compensation
	Stock Awards	Imputed Income			
T. Bluedorn	\$14,902	-	\$195	-	\$15,097
C. Connor	\$21,865	\$792	\$195	-	\$22,852
M. Critelli	\$21,865	\$1,524	\$195	\$1,188	\$24,772
C. Golden	\$21,865	-	\$195	-	\$22,060
L. Hill	-	-	\$195	-	\$195
A. Johnson	\$21,865	-	\$195	-	\$22,060
N. Lautenbach	\$21,865	\$2,472	\$195	-	\$24,532
D. McCoy	\$21,865	\$792	\$195	-	\$22,852
G. Page	\$21,865	\$1,524	\$195	-	\$23,584
S. Pianalto	-	-	\$195	-	\$195
G. Smith	-	-	\$195	-	\$195
D. Thompson	-	-	\$195	-	\$195



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**Proposal 7: Granting the Board Authority to Issue Shares**

Under Irish law, directors of an Irish public limited company must have authority from its shareholders to issue any shares, including shares that are part of the company's authorized but unissued share capital. When our shareholders originally approved the adoption of our Articles of Association on November 26, 2012, the Board was granted this authorization for a period of five years. Because this five-year period will expire on November 25, 2017, we are presenting this proposal to renew the Board's authority to issue our authorized shares. We understand that it is customary practice in Ireland to seek shareholder authority to issue up to 33% of a company's issued ordinary share capital and for such authority to be limited to a period of 12 to 18 months. Therefore, in accordance with customary practice in Ireland, we are seeking approval to authorize the Board to issue up to a maximum of 33% of our issued ordinary share capital as of February 28, 2017, for a period expiring 18 months from the passing of this resolution, unless otherwise varied, revoked or renewed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we expect to propose renewal of this authorization on a regular basis at our annual general meetings in subsequent years.

Granting the Board this authority is a routine matter for public companies incorporated in Ireland and is consistent with Irish market practice. This authority is fundamental to our business and enables us to issue shares, including, if applicable, in connection with funding acquisitions and raising capital. We are not asking you to approve an increase in our authorized share capital or to approve a specific issuance of shares. Instead, approval of this proposal will only grant the Board the authority to issue shares that are already authorized under our Articles of Association upon the terms below. In addition, we note that, because we are a NYSE-listed company, our shareholders continue to benefit from the protections afforded to them under the rules and regulations of the NYSE and SEC, including those rules that limit our ability to issue shares in specified circumstances.

As required under Irish law, the resolution in respect of this proposal is an ordinary resolution that requires the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes cast.

THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THIS PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

*That the directors be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorized with effect from the passing of this resolution to exercise all powers of the Company to allot relevant securities (within the meaning of section 1021 of the Companies Act 2014) up to an aggregate nominal amount of \$10,644,872,691 (147,886,534 shares) (being equivalent to approximately 33% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as of February 28, 2017 (the latest practicable date before this proxy statement)), and the authority conferred by this resolution shall expire 18 months from the passing of this resolution, unless previously renewed, varied or revoked; provided that the Company may make an offer or agreement before the expiry of this authority, which would or might require any such securities to be allotted after this authority has expired, and in that case, the directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.*

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this proposal to grant the Board authority to issue shares.



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**Proposal 8: Granting the Board Authority to Opt-Out of Pre-emption Rights**

Under Irish law, unless otherwise authorized, when an Irish public limited company issues shares for cash to new shareholders, it is required first to offer those shares on the same or more favorable terms to existing shareholders of the company on a pro-rata basis (commonly referred to as pre-emption rights). When our shareholders originally approved the adoption of our Articles of Association on November 26, 2012, the Board was granted this authorization for a period of five years. Because our current authority will expire on November 25, 2017, we are presenting this Proposal 8 to renew the Board's authority to opt-out of the pre-emption rights.

We understand that it is customary practice in Ireland to seek shareholder authority to opt-out of the pre-emption rights provision in the event of (1) the issuance of shares in connection with any rights issue and (2) the issuance of shares for cash, if the issuance is limited to up to 5% of a company's issued ordinary share capital (with the possibility of issuing an additional 5% of the company's issued ordinary share capital provided the company uses it only in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment which is announced contemporaneously with the issuance, or which has taken place in the preceding 6-month period and is disclosed in the announcement of the issue) bringing the total acceptable limit to 10% of the company's issued ordinary share capital. It is also customary practice for such authority to be limited to a period of 12 to 18 months. Therefore, in accordance with customary practice in Ireland, we are seeking this authority for a period expiring 18 months from the passing of this resolution, unless otherwise varied, renewed or revoked. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we expect to propose renewal of this authorization on a regular basis at our annual general meetings in subsequent years.

Granting the Board this authority is a routine matter for public companies incorporated in Ireland and is consistent with Irish customary practice. Similar to the authorization sought for Proposal 7, this authority is fundamental to our business and, if applicable, will facilitate our ability to fund acquisitions and otherwise raise capital. We are not asking you to approve an increase in our authorized share capital. Instead, approval of this proposal will only grant the Board the authority to issue shares in the manner already permitted under our Articles of Association upon the terms below. Without this authorization, in each case where we issue shares for cash, we would first have to offer those shares on the same or more favorable terms to all of our existing shareholders. This requirement could cause delays in the completion of acquisitions and capital raising for our business. Furthermore, we note that this authorization is required as a matter of Irish law and is not otherwise required for other companies listed on the NYSE.

As required under Irish law, the resolution in respect of this proposal is a special resolution that requires the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the votes cast. In addition, under Irish law, the Board may only be authorized to opt-out of pre-emption rights if it is authorized to issue shares, which authority is being sought in Proposal 7.

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**Proposal 8: Granting the Board Authority to Opt-Out of Pre-emption Rights**

THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THIS PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

*RESOLVED, As a special resolution, that, subject to the passing of the resolution in respect of Proposal 7 as set out above and with effect from the passing of this resolution, the directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Section 1023 of the Companies Act 2014 to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 1023 of that Act) for cash, pursuant to the authority conferred by Proposal 7 as if sub-section (1) of Section 1022 did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:*

*(a) the allotment of equity securities in connection with a rights issue in favor of the holders of ordinary shares (including rights to subscribe for, or convert into, ordinary shares) where the equity securities respectively attributable to the interests of such holders are proportional (as nearly as may be) to the respective numbers of ordinary shares held by them (but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient to deal with fractional entitlements that would otherwise arise, or with legal or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory, or otherwise); and*

*(b) the allotment (other than pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above) of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal value of \$3,225,718,997 (44,814,101 shares) (being equivalent to approximately 10% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as of February 28, 2017 (the latest practicable date before this proxy statement)), provided that any amount above \$1,612,859,499 (22,407,051 shares) (being equivalent to approximately 5% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as of February 28, 2017) is to be used only for the purpose of an acquisition or a specific capital investment, and the authority conferred by this resolution shall expire 18 months from the passing of this resolution, unless previously renewed, varied or revoked; provided that the Company may make an offer or agreement before the expiry of this authority, which would or might require any such securities to be allotted after this authority has expired, and in that case, the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.*

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this proposal to grant the Board authority  
to opt-out of pre-emption rights.



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**Proposal 9: Authorization of the Company and Any Subsidiary of the Company to Make Overseas Market Purchases of Company Shares**

We historically have used open-market share purchases to return value to shareholders and manage the number of our outstanding shares. For Irish companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Irish Companies Act defines market purchases as overseas market purchases. During 2016, we repurchased approximately \$730 million of our ordinary shares in open-market purchases. These transactions were effected under our existing board-approved share repurchase program as redemptions pursuant to Article 5(b)(iv) of our Articles of Association. Whether or not this proposed resolution is passed, the Company will retain its ability to effect repurchases as redemptions pursuant to its Articles of Association, although subsidiaries will not be able to make open-market purchases of ordinary shares. Passage of this proposal would give the Company flexibility under Irish law to permit subsidiaries to make the purchases.

In this proposal, shareholders are being asked to authorize for a period of 18 months, the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, to make open market purchases of up to 40,000,000 of our ordinary shares, which represents 8.9% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares as of December 31, 2016, as and when directed by any plan or program approved by the Board of Directors.

On April 27, 2016, the shareholders of the Company authorized the repurchase of up to 40,000,000 ordinary shares. Pursuant to its terms, that authority remains valid for 18 months. Accordingly, unless reapproved at this year's annual general meeting, that authority will expire on the close of business on October 26, 2017.

In connection with the parameters established with the Board regarding our share repurchase programs, these purchases would be made only at price levels that the directors would consider to be in the best interests of the shareholders generally, after taking into account the Company's overall financial position. In addition, the price that may be paid for these shares shall not be less than 70% or more than 120% of the then closing market price of those shares on the New York Stock Exchange the day preceding the day on which the relevant shares are purchased.

As required under Irish law, the resolution in respect of this proposal is an ordinary resolution that requires the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes cast.

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**Proposal 9: Authorization of the Company and Any Subsidiary of the Company to Make Overseas Market Purchases of Company Shares**

THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THIS PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED The Company and any subsidiary of the Company are hereby generally authorized to make overseas market purchases of the Company's ordinary shares, par value US\$0.01 each ( shares ), on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Board of Directors of the Company may determine from time to time but subject to the following provisions:

(a) *The maximum number of shares authorized to be acquired by the Company and any subsidiaries of the Company pursuant to this resolution shall not exceed 40,000,000 shares.*

(b) *The maximum price to be paid for any share shall not be more than 120% of the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange for the shares on the day preceding the day on which the relevant share is purchased by the Company or the relevant subsidiary of the Company.*

(c) *The minimum price to be paid for any share shall not be less than 70% of the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange for the shares on the day preceding the day on which the relevant share is purchased by the Company or the relevant subsidiary of the Company.*

(d) *This general authority will be effective from the date of passing of this resolution.*

(e) *This general authority is to expire 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution, unless previously varied, revoked or renewed by ordinary resolution in accordance with the provisions of section 1074 of the Companies Act 2014. The Company or any such subsidiary may, before such expiry, enter into a contract for the purchase of shares which would or might be executed wholly or partly after such expiry and may complete any such contract as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.*

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this proposal to authorize the Company and any subsidiary of the

Company to make overseas market purchases of Company shares.

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**Other Business**

Management does not know of any other matters requiring shareholder action that may come before the meeting. If any are properly presented, the individuals named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote on those matters according to their best judgment.

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Set forth below is certain information concerning persons who are known by us to have reported owning beneficially more than 5% of our ordinary shares.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Ordinary Shares	Percent of Class
BlackRock Inc.  55 East 52nd Street  New York, NY 10022 The Vanguard Group	28,421,126 <sup>(1)</sup>	6.30%
100 Vanguard Boulevard  Malvern, PA 19355 Wellington Management Group LLP	29,653,276 <sup>(2)</sup>	6.56%
280 Congress Street  Boston, MA 02210	36,732,034 <sup>(3)</sup>	8.13%

(1) On January 24, 2017, BlackRock Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Schedule 13G, which reports the beneficial ownership of 28,421,126 ordinary shares by it and certain affiliated entities and individuals as of December 31, 2016. As reported in the Schedule 13G, BlackRock Inc. and such affiliated entities and individuals have sole power to vote or to direct the vote of 24,356,599 shares, shared power to vote or direct the vote of 18,213 shares, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 28,402,913 shares and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 18,213 shares.

(2) On February 9, 2017, The Vanguard Group filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Schedule 13G, which reports the beneficial ownership of 29,653,276 ordinary shares by it and certain affiliated entities and individuals as of December 31, 2016. As reported in the Schedule 13G, The Vanguard Group and such affiliated entities and individuals have sole power to vote or to direct the vote of 716,841 shares, shared power to vote or direct the vote of 81,601 shares, sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 28,862,941 shares, and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 790,335 shares.

(3) On February 9, 2017, Wellington Management Group LLP filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Schedule 13G, which reports the beneficial ownership of 36,732,034 ordinary shares by it and certain affiliated entities and individuals as of December 31, 2016. As reported in the Schedule 13G, Wellington Management Group LLP and such affiliated entities and individuals have shared power to vote or to direct the vote of 12,698,215 shares, and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 36,732,034 shares.

The following table shows the beneficial ownership, reported to us as of December 31, 2016, of our ordinary shares by each director, each named executive officer and all directors and executive officers as a group, and also sets forth the number of share units held under various deferred compensation plans and RSUs granted under our stock plans that vest within 60 days.

**TITLE OF CLASS: ORDINARY SHARES**

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Owned <sup>(1,2)</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>(3)</sup>	Deferred Share Units <sup>(4)</sup>	Restricted Share Units <sup>(5)</sup>	Total Number of Shares
R. Advaiti	162,538.51 <sup>(6)</sup>		0.00	7,092	169,630.51
C. Arnold	424,529.85 <sup>(6)</sup>		0.00	13,168	437,697.85
T. Bluedorn	6,536.00		0.00	0	6,536.00
C. Connor	20,100.00		26,530.47	0	46,630.47
M. Critelli	70,566.00		0.00	0	70,566.00
A. Cutler	1,424,945.00		0.0	34,203	1,459,148.00
R. Fearon	461,101.00		0.00	9,916	471,017.00
C. Golden	22,414.00		9,652.11	0	32,066.11
L. Hill	7,410.00		0.00	0	7,410.00
A. Johnson	9,590.00		0.00	0	9,590.00
D. McCoy	51,386.00		28,181.92	0	79,567.92
M. McGuire	196,300.84 <sup>(6)</sup>		16,337.47	5,233	217,871.31
G. Page	57,229.00		11,865.16	0	69,094.16
S. Pianalto	500.00		0.00	0	500.00
G. Smith	5,671.00		0.00	0	5,671.00
D. Thompson	550.00		0.00	0	550.00
U. Yadav	91,168.96 <sup>(6)</sup>		0.00	4,560	95,728.96
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group	3,418,143.11	0.8%			

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- (1) Each person has sole voting or investment power, or both, with respect to the shares listed, unless otherwise indicated.
- (2) Includes shares which the person has the right to acquire within 60 days of December 31, 2016 upon the exercise of outstanding stock options as follows: R. Advaiti, 122,590; C. Arnold, 223,784; C. Connor, 6,450; A. Cutler 927,768; R. Fearon, 206,245; C. Golden, 6,450; M. McGuire, 161,536; D. McCoy, 6,450; G. Page, 6,450; U. Yadav, 62,934; and all directors and executive officers as a group 1,839,516.
- (3) Each of the individuals listed holds less than 1% of outstanding ordinary shares.
- (4) For a description of these units, see page 60 (under IC Deferral Plan ) and page 67 (under Other Plans and Benefits ).
- (5) Represents RSUs that will vest within 60 days of December 31, 2016.
- (6) Includes shares held under the Eaton Savings Plan as of December 31, 2016.

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## EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table summarizes information, as of December 31, 2016, relating to our equity compensation plans pursuant to which grants of options, restricted shares, restricted share units, deferred compensation units or other rights to acquire our ordinary shares may be granted from time to time.

Plan Category	(A)	(B)	(C)
	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted- Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights <sup>(5)</sup>	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (A))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders <sup>(1)</sup>	9,262,538 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 54.28	18,598,708
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders <sup>(2)</sup>	468,814 <sup>(4)</sup>	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,731,352</b>		<b>18,598,708</b>

(1) Includes Company stock plans, each of which has been approved by the shareholders. For a description of these plans, please see the Equity Component of Long-Term Compensation section of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis on page 43.

(2) These plans are the 2005 Non-Employee Director Fee Deferral Plan, the 1996 Non-Employee Director Fee Deferral Plan, the Deferred Incentive Compensation Plan II and the Incentive Compensation Deferral Plan II, none of which are considered equity compensation plans requiring shareholder approval under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. For a description of these plans, please see 2016 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation on page 59 and footnote (5) to the table on page 68.

(3) Includes an aggregate of 5,496,413 stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$54.276 and a weighted average remaining life of 4.004 years, and 3,766,125 RSAs, RSUs, and PSUs.

(4) Represents shares underlying phantom share units, payable on a one-for-one basis, credited to accounts under the deferral plans listed in footnote (2) above.

(5) The weighted average exercise price of outstanding stock options excludes RSAs, RSUs and deferred compensation share units because they have no exercise price.

As described under 2016 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation on page 59, executives may elect to defer receipt of their earned cash bonuses under the short-term or long-term incentive plans. These deferred amounts are invested as Company share units and valued at the then current fair market value under the Deferred Incentive Compensation Plan II or the Incentive Compensation Deferral Plan II, whichever plan is applicable. We do not provide any share or cash match with respect to the deferred amounts under these plans, nor do we allow executives to defer the receipt of shares earned under any of our Stock Plans. Likewise, non-employee directors may elect to have their fees paid in cash invested as share units which are valued at the then current fair market price under the 2005 Non-Employee Director Fee Deferral Plan or, for fees earned on or after January 1, 2013, the 2013 Non-Employee Director Fee Deferral Plan. We do not provide any share or cash match with respect to the directors fees deferred under these plans, nor do we allow directors to defer the receipt of shares earned under any of our Stock Plans. Because the amount of these cash bonuses and directors fees are determined under specific processes described in this proxy statement, the number of share units credited and shares received under these deferral plans is limited. The share units described herein are not expensed by the Company because they are not considered equity compensation for the purposes of SFAS 123(R).

#### ADMISSION TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Shareholders who plan to attend the 2017 annual general meeting may obtain admission tickets at the Registration Desk immediately prior to the meeting. Shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of a broker or bank should obtain certification of ownership to bring to the meeting. If you obtained a legal proxy from your broker, you must bring this legal proxy to the annual general meeting in order to vote in person.

#### PROXY SOLICITATION

Eaton's Board of Directors solicits your proxy for use at the 2017 annual general meeting of shareholders and any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

In addition to soliciting proxies over the Internet and through the mail, certain persons may solicit proxies in person or by telephone or fax. Eaton has retained The Proxy Advisory Group, LLC, 18 East 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 2000, New York, New York 10017, to assist in the solicitation of proxies, primarily from brokers, banks and other nominees, for a fee of

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\$25,000, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Brokerage firms, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries may be asked to forward proxy soliciting material to the beneficial shareholders. All reasonable soliciting costs will be borne by Eaton.

### [HOW PROXIES WILL BE VOTED](#)

The individuals named in the enclosed form of proxy have advised the Board of their intention to vote at the meeting in accordance with instructions on all proxy forms submitted by shareholders and, where no contrary instruction is indicated on the proxy form, as follows: *for* the election of the individuals nominated to serve as directors, *for* approval of the amended Articles of Association to implement proxy access, *for* approval of the amended Articles of Association regarding bringing shareholder business and making director nominations at an annual general meeting, *for* the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for 2016 and authorizing the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to set its remuneration, *for* advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation, *for* advisory approval of the frequency of shareholder votes on executive compensation to be each year, *for* granting the Board authority to issue shares under Irish law, *for* granting the Board authority to opt-out of pre-emption rights under Irish law, and *for* the authorization of overseas market purchases of Company shares.

You may revoke a proxy by submitting a later-dated proxy, by notifying Eaton by fax, email or other verifiable communication before the meeting, or by revoking it at the meeting. All properly executed or transmitted proxies not revoked will be voted at the meeting.

### [VOTING AT THE MEETING](#)

Each Eaton shareholder of record at the close of business on February 27, 2017 is entitled to one vote for each share then held. On that date, 448,556,581 Eaton ordinary shares (par value US \$0.01 each) were outstanding and entitled to vote.

At the 2017 annual general meeting, the inspector of election appointed by the Board of Directors for the meeting will determine the presence of a quorum and tabulate the results of shareholder voting. As provided by the Company's Articles of Association, three shareholders present in person or by proxy at the meeting will constitute a quorum. The inspector of election intends to treat as present for these purposes shareholders who have submitted properly executed and transmitted proxies even if marked abstain as to some matters. The inspector will also treat as present shares held in street name by brokers that are voted on at least one proposal to come before the meeting.

Adoption of Proposals 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of ordinary shares represented at the annual general meeting in person or by proxy. Adoption of Proposals 2, 3 and 8 requires the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the votes cast by the holders of ordinary shares represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered votes cast at the annual general meeting. The practical effect of this is that abstentions and shares held in street name by brokers that are not voted in respect of these proposals will not have any effect on the outcome of voting on the proposals.

There is no requirement under Irish law that Eaton's Irish Statutory Accounts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 or the related directors' and auditor's reports thereon be approved by the shareholders, and no such approval will be sought at the annual general meeting.

#### SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's directors and executive officers to file reports of holdings and transactions in the Company's equity securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assists its directors and executive officers by completing and filing these reports electronically on their behalf. Based on a review of copies of these reports provided to us and written representations from directors and executive officers, we believe that all filing requirements were met during fiscal year 2016, except that, due to an administrative oversight by the firm that assisted us with these filings, a Form 4 report for Ken D. Semelsberger, Senior Vice President and Controller of Eaton Corporation, was filed late, on March 1, 2016.



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**Other Information** [Future Shareholder Proposals](#)

**FUTURE SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS**

Shareholders who wish to submit proposals for inclusion in the proxy statement and for consideration at the annual general meeting must do so on a timely basis. In order to be included in the proxy statement for the 2018 annual general meeting pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 14a-8, proposals must relate to proper subjects and must be received by the Company Secretary, Eaton Corporation plc, Eaton House, 30 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4, Ireland D04 Y0C2, by November 17, 2017. Any shareholder proposal that is not submitted for inclusion in the proxy statement pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 14a-8 but is instead sought to be presented directly at the 2018 annual general meeting must be received by the Company Secretary at the address listed above no earlier than December 17, 2017 and no later than January 16, 2018, or if Proposal 3 in this year's proxy statement is approved by shareholders at this year's annual general meeting, recommendation letters must be received no earlier than November 17, 2017 and no later than the close of business on December 17, 2017 and must satisfy the other requirements set forth in our Articles of Association. Securities and Exchange Commission rules permit management to vote proxies in its discretion in certain cases if the shareholder does not comply with this deadline and in certain other cases notwithstanding the shareholder's compliance with this deadline.

Any shareholder of record wishing to nominate an individual for election as a director must follow the procedures and provide the information set forth in our Articles of Association by the dates set forth above for proposals that are sought to be presented directly at the 2018 annual general meeting. If Proposal 2 in this year's proxy statement is approved by shareholders at this year's annual general meeting and director nominees are being proposed for inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders, notice must be provided no later than November 17, 2017 and no earlier than October 18, 2017, and the shareholders and nominees must satisfy the other requirements set forth in our Articles of Incorporation.

**MAILINGS TO SHAREHOLDERS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD**

Unless you or another shareholder at your mailing address has requested a separate mailing, all Eaton shareholders receiving proxy materials by mail at your mailing address who share the same last name have been sent a single copy of the proxy statement, 2016 annual report and Irish Statutory Accounts. This method of delivery is known as householding. Householding reduces the number of mailings you receive, saves printing and postage costs, and helps the environment. Shareholders receiving proxy materials by mail who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. We will deliver promptly, upon written or telephone request, a separate copy of the proxy statement, 2016 annual report and Irish Statutory Accounts to a shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. A shareholder who wishes to receive a separate copy of the proxy materials now or in the future should submit this request in writing to Eaton Corporation plc, Attention: Company Secretary, Eaton House, 30 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4, Ireland D04 Y0C2, or contact our Investor Relations department by telephone at 440-523-4205. Shareholders of record sharing an address who are receiving multiple copies of the proxy materials and wish to receive a single copy of such materials in the future should submit their request by contacting us in the same manner. If you are the beneficial owner, but not the record holder, of Eaton ordinary shares and wish to receive only one copy of the proxy materials in the future, you will need to contact your broker, bank or other nominee to request that only a single copy of these documents be mailed to all shareholders at the shared address.

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**Appendix A: Articles of Association Amendments to Implement Proxy Access**

Note: the amendments set out in this Appendix A are reflected as a comparison to the Articles of Association of the Company as of the date of this proxy statement. Additional amendments will be made to the Articles of Association if shareholders approve Proposal 8.

In these articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

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**A Preferred Shares** means the A preferred shares of nominal value \$1.00 per share (or such other nominal value as may result from any reorganisation of capital) in the capital of the Company, having the rights and being subject to the limitations set out in these articles;

**Abeiron II** means a private limited liability company incorporated in Ireland under registration number 513275;

**acquiring corporation** in a combination means the corporation whose voting shares are issued or transferred by it or its subsidiary or subsidiaries to the transferor corporation or corporations or the shareholders of the transferor corporation or corporations; and acquiring corporation in a majority share acquisition means the corporation whose voting shares are issued or transferred by it or its subsidiary or subsidiaries in consideration for shares of another corporation entitling the acquirer of the shares to exercise a majority of the voting power in the election of Directors of such corporation;

**Act** means the Companies Act 2014;

**Address** includes, any number or address used for the purposes of communication by way of electronic mail or other electronic communication;

**Affiliate** of any person means any other person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such person;

**Assistant Secretary** means any person appointed and so designated by the Secretary or the Board to assist the Secretary (and specific references in these articles to functions that may be performed by an Assistant Secretary do not limit such general role of assisting the Secretary);

**Auditor** or **Auditors** means the auditor or auditors at any given time of the Company;

~~**Beneficial Ownership** means **Beneficial Ownership** as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act and beneficial owner and variants thereof, will be interpreted accordingly; **Authorized Number** has the meaning set forth in article 78A(b);~~

**Beneficial Owner** of any Share means a person on whose behalf a Shareholder holds such Share;

**Board** means the board of Directors at any given time of the Company;

**Clear Days** means, for purposes of any period of notice required to be given under these articles, the days between (and in each case excluding) (i) the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and (ii) the day of the event for which such notice is given or on which such notice is to take effect;

**Close of Business** means 6:00 p.m. local time at the principal executive offices of the Company any calendar day, whether or not the day is a business day;

**Combination** means a transaction, other than a merger or consolidation wherein voting shares of a corporation are issued or transferred in consideration in whole or in part for the transfer to itself or to one or more of its subsidiaries, of all or substantially all the assets of one or more corporations, with or without goodwill or the assumption of liabilities;

**Companies Acts** means the Companies Act 2014, and all statutory instruments which are to be read as one with, or construed, or to be read together with such Act;

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**Company** means the company whose name appears in the heading to these articles;

**Corporation** means any body corporate, corporation, company, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity;

**Director** means a Director at any given time of the Company;

**Dividend** includes interim dividends and/or bonus dividends;

**Eaton Corporation** means an Ohio corporation which prior to the adoption of these articles was listed (ticker symbol ETN ) on the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange;

**EHC** means Turlock B.V., a private limited liability company incorporated in the Netherlands, registered with the trader register of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce under file number 08169375, which is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Abeiron II;

**Electronic Communication** has the meaning given to those words in the Electronic Commerce Act 2000;

**Electronic Signature** has the meaning given to those words in the Electronic Commerce Act 2000;

**Eligible Shareholder** means a Shareholder or group of Shareholders that satisfy the requirements set forth in article 78A(c);

**EUR** , and **euro** mean the currency of Ireland;

**Euro Deferred Shares** means deferred ordinary shares of nominal value 1.00 per share (or such other nominal value as may result from any reorganisation of capital) in the capital of the Company, having the rights and being subject to the limitations set out in these articles;

**Exchange Act** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the United States of America;

**Governmental Entity** means any government or subdivision thereof, or governmental, judicial, legislative, tax, administrative or regulatory authority or body, whether of Ireland or elsewhere;

**Group Company** or **Group Companies** means the Company, any holding company of the Company and any subsidiary of the Company or of any such holding company;

**Majority Share Acquisition** except as specifically defined elsewhere in these articles means the acquisition of shares of a corporation entitling the acquirer of the shares to exercise a majority of the voting power in the election of Directors of such corporation without regard to the voting power that may thereafter exist upon a default, failure, or other contingency by a corporation in consideration in whole or in part, for the issuance or transfer of its voting shares;

**Merger** means the merger of Eaton Corporation with and into MergerSub, with Eaton Corporation surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company;

**MergerSub** means Turlock Corporation, a company incorporated in Ohio;

**Ordinary Resolution** means a resolution of the Shareholders passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by those present in person or by proxy at a meeting and who are entitled to vote (or, if in writing, signed by all of the Shareholders entitled to attend and vote) at such meeting;

**Ordinary Shares** means ordinary shares of nominal value \$0.01 per share (or such other nominal value as may result from any reorganisation of capital) in the capital of the Company, having the rights and being subject to the limitations set out in these articles;

**Person Entitled by Transmission** means a person whose entitlement to a share arises in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder or in any way other than by transfer;

**Public Announcement** means disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service or comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, or furnished to Shareholders;

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**Redeemable Shares** means shares in the capital of the Company that are redeemable in accordance with the provisions of these articles or the terms of issue of such class or series of shares;

**Register** means the register of members of the Company;

**Registered Office** means the registered office at any given time of the Company;

**Required Shares** has the meaning set forth in article 78A(c)(i);

**Seal** means the common seal of the Company and includes any duplicate seal, securities seal or seal for use abroad;

**Secretary** means any person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, or if there are joint secretaries, any of the joint secretaries;

**Serial Preferred Shares** means the serial preferred shares of nominal value \$0.01 per share (or such other nominal value as may result from any reorganisation of capital) in the capital of the Company, having the rights and being subject to the limitations set out in these articles;

**Share** and **Share** means, unless specified otherwise or the context otherwise requires, any share in the capital of the Company;

**Shareholder** means in relation to any share, the person whose name is entered in the Register as the holder of the share or, where the context permits, the persons whose names are entered in the Register as the joint holders of shares;

**Shareholder Associate** of any Shareholder or Beneficial Owner means (1) any person controlling, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with, the Shareholder; ~~(2) any beneficial owner of securities of the Company owned of record or beneficially by the Shareholder, and~~ (3) Beneficial Owner, (2) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Shareholder Associate, and (3), if a Shareholder, Beneficial Owner or Shareholder Associate is an entity, each director, executive, managing member or control person of such entity;

**Shareholder Nominee** means an individual identified in a Shareholder Notice submitted pursuant to article 78A for election to the Board of Directors;

**Shareholder Notice** means a timely notice that satisfies article 78A and is delivered by a Shareholder that qualifies as, or is acting on behalf of, an Eligible Shareholder;

**Special Resolution** means a special resolution of the Shareholders within the meaning of the Companies Acts;

**Subsidiary** and **Holding Company** have the meanings given to those words in the Companies Acts, except a company shall include any corporation or other legal entity, whether incorporated or established in Ireland or elsewhere;

**Treasury Shares** shall have the meaning given to those words in the Companies Acts;

**US Dollars** , **US\$** or **\$** means United States dollars, the currency of the United States of America;

**US Holdco** means Eaton Inc., a company incorporated in Ohio, which is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of EHC;  
and

**Variation Resolution** means a resolution of the Shareholders of any class or series of Shares (1) passed by a two-thirds majority of those present in person or by proxy at a separate meeting of the Shareholders of such class or series of Shares and who are entitled to attend and vote at such meeting or (2) in writing signed by all of the Shareholders of such class or series of Shares.

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Except only as otherwise provided in these articles, as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as otherwise required by law, the Company shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the



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absolute owner of it and accordingly no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon trust, and the Company shall not be bound by or required in any way to recognise (even when having notice of it) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest or other right in any share except an absolute right to the entirety of the share in the registered holder of it. This shall not preclude the Company from requiring the Shareholders or a transferee of shares to furnish the Company with information as to the ~~beneficial ownership~~ Beneficial Owner of (or other interest of any person in) any share.

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- (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of these Articles of Association, in connection with an annual general meeting of Shareholders at which Directors are to be elected, the Company (i) shall include in its proxy statement and on its form of proxy the names of, and (ii) shall include in its proxy statement the Additional Information (as defined below) relating to, a number of nominees specified pursuant to article 78A(b) for election to the Board submitted pursuant to this article 78A (each, a Shareholder Nominee ), if:
- (i) the Shareholder Nominee satisfies the eligibility requirements in this article 78A;
  - (ii) the Shareholder Nominee is identified in a timely notice (the Shareholder Notice ) that satisfies this article 78A and is delivered in accordance with this article 78A by a Shareholder that qualifies as, or is acting on behalf of, an Eligible Shareholder (as defined below);
  - (iii) the Eligible Shareholder satisfies the requirements in this article 78A and expressly elects at the time of the delivery of the Shareholder Notice to have the Shareholder Nominee included in the Company's proxy materials; and
  - (iv) the additional requirements of this article 78A are met.
- (b) The maximum number of Shareholder Nominees that may appear in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to this article 78A (the Authorized Number ) shall not exceed the greater of (i) two and (ii) twenty percent (20%) of the number of Directors in office as of the last day on which a Shareholder Notice may be delivered pursuant to this article 78A with respect to the annual general meeting, or if such amount is not a whole number, the closest whole number (rounding down) below twenty percent (20%); provided that the Authorized Number shall be reduced (A) but not below one (1), by any Directors in office or Director nominees that in either case shall be included in the Company's proxy materials with respect to the annual general meeting as an unopposed (by the Company) nominee pursuant to an agreement, arrangement or other understanding between the Company and a Shareholder or group of Shareholders (other than any such

agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into in connection with an acquisition of capital stock, by the Shareholder or group of Shareholders, from the Company) and (B) by any nominees who previously were elected to the Board as Shareholder Nominees at any of the preceding two annual general meetings and who are nominated for election at the annual general meeting by the Board as a Board nominee. In the event that one or more vacancies for any reason occurs after the date of the Shareholder Notice but before the annual general meeting and the Board resolves to reduce the size of the Board in connection therewith, the Authorized Number shall be calculated based on the number of Directors in office as so reduced.

(c) To qualify as an Eligible Shareholder, a Shareholder or a group as described in this article 78A must:

(i) Own and have Owned (as defined below), continuously for at least three years as of the date of the Shareholder Notice, a number of Ordinary Shares (as adjusted to account for any stock dividend, stock split, subdivision, combination, reclassification or recapitalization of Ordinary Shares) that represent at least three percent (3%) of the outstanding Ordinary Shares as of the date of the Shareholder Notice (the Required Shares ); and

(ii) thereafter continue to Own the Required Shares through such annual general meeting of Shareholders. For purposes of satisfying the ownership requirements of this article 78A(c), a group of not more than twenty Shareholders and/or Beneficial Owners may aggregate the number of Ordinary Shares that each group member has individually Owned continuously for at least three years as of the date of the Shareholder Notice, provided that all other requirements and obligations for an Eligible Shareholder set forth in this article 78A are satisfied by and as to each Shareholder or Beneficial Owner comprising the group whose Shares are aggregated. No Shares may be attributed to more than one Eligible Shareholder.

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and no Shareholder or Beneficial Owner, alone or together with any of its Affiliates, may individually or as a member of a group qualify as or constitute more than one Eligible Shareholder under this article 78A. A group of any two or more funds shall be treated as only one Shareholder or Beneficial Owner for this purpose if they are (1) under common management and investment control or (2) under common management and funded primarily by a single employer or (3) part of a family of funds, meaning a group of investment companies (whether organized in the U.S. or outside the U.S.) that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

(d) For purposes of this article 78A:

- (i) A Shareholder or Beneficial Owner is deemed to Own only those outstanding Ordinary Shares as to which such person possesses both (A) the full voting and investment rights pertaining to such Shares and (B) the full economic interest in (including the opportunity for profit and risk of loss on) such Shares; except that the number of Shares calculated in accordance with clauses (A) and (B) shall not include any Shares (I) sold by such person in any transaction that has not been settled or closed, (II) borrowed by such person for any purposes or purchased by such person pursuant to an agreement to resell, or (III) subject to any option, warrant, forward contract, swap, contract of sale or other derivative or similar agreement entered into by such person, whether the instrument or agreement is to be settled with Shares or with cash based on the notional amount or value of outstanding Ordinary Shares if the instrument or agreement has, or is intended to have, or if exercised would have, the purpose or effect of (1) reducing in any manner, to any extent or at any time in the future, such person's full right to vote or direct the voting of such Shares, and/or (2) hedging, offsetting or altering to any degree any gain or loss arising from the full economic ownership of such Shares by such person. The terms Owned, Owning and other variations of the word Own, when used with respect to a Shareholder or Beneficial Owner, have correlative meanings. For purposes of clauses (i) through (iii), the term person includes its Affiliates.
- (ii) A Shareholder or Beneficial Owner Owns Shares held in the name of a nominee or other intermediary so long as such person retains both (A) the full voting and investment rights pertaining to such Shares and (B) the full economic interest in such Shares. The person's Ownership of Shares is deemed to continue during any period in which the person has delegated any voting power by means of a proxy, power of attorney or other instrument or arrangement that is revocable at any time by the person.
- (iii) A Shareholder or Beneficial Owner's Ownership of Shares shall be deemed to continue during any period in which such person has loaned the Shares if such person has the power to recall the loaned Shares on not more than five business days' notice.

(e) For purposes of this article 78A, the Additional Information referred to in article 78A(a) that the Company will include in its proxy statement is:

- (i) the information set forth in the Schedule 14N provided with the Shareholder Notice concerning each Shareholder Nominee and the Eligible Shareholder that is required to be disclosed in the Company's proxy statement by the applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; and
- (ii) if the Eligible Shareholder so elects, a written statement of the Eligible Shareholder (or, in the case of a group, a written statement of the group), not to exceed 500 words, in support of each of the Eligible Shareholder's Shareholder Nominee(s), which must be provided at the same time as the Shareholder Notice for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement for the annual general meeting.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this article 78A, the Company may omit from its proxy materials any information or statement that it, in good faith, believes is untrue in any material respect (or omits a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading) or would violate any applicable law, rule, regulation or listing standard. Nothing in this article 78A shall limit the Company's ability to solicit against and include in its proxy materials its own statements relating to any Eligible Shareholder or Shareholder Nominee.

(f) The Shareholder Notice shall set forth all information, representations and agreements required under article 76(c) above (and for such purposes, references in article 76(c) to Shareholder shall be deemed to refer to Eligible Shareholder and in the case of a group, each Shareholder or Beneficial Owner whose Shares are aggregated for purposes of constituting an Eligible Shareholder), including the information

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required with respect to any nominee for election as a Director, any Shareholder giving notice of an intent to nominate a candidate for election, and any Shareholder, Beneficial Owner or other person on whose behalf the nomination is made under this article 78A. In addition, such Shareholder Notice shall include:

- (i) a copy of the Schedule 14N that has been or concurrently is filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act;
  
- (ii) a written statement of the Eligible Shareholder (and in the case of a group, the written statement of each Shareholder or Beneficial Owner whose Shares are aggregated for purposes of constituting an Eligible Shareholder), which statement(s) shall also be included in the Schedule 14N filed with the SEC: (A) setting forth and certifying to the number of Ordinary Shares the Eligible Shareholder Owns and has Owned (as defined in article 78A(d) of these Articles of Association) continuously for at least three years as of the date of the Shareholder Notice, and (B) agreeing to continue to Own such Shares through the annual general meeting;
  
- (iii) the written agreement of the Eligible Shareholder (and in the case of a group, the written agreement of each Shareholder or Beneficial Owner whose Shares are aggregated for purposes of constituting an Eligible Shareholder) addressed to the Company, setting forth the following additional agreements, representations and warranties:
  - (A) it shall provide (I) within five business days after the date of the Shareholder Notice, one or more written statements from the record holder(s) of the Required Shares and from each intermediary through which the Required Shares are or have been held, in each case during the requisite three-year holding period, specifying the number of Shares that the Eligible Shareholder Owns, and has Owned continuously in compliance with this article 78A, (II) within five business days after the record date for the annual general meeting both the information required under article 76(c)(ii) and notification in writing verifying the Eligible Shareholder's continuous Ownership of the Required Shares, in each case, as of such date, and (III) immediate notice to the Company if the Eligible Shareholder ceases to own any of the Required Shares prior to the annual general meeting;
  
  - (B) it (I) acquired the Required Shares in the ordinary course of business and not with the intent to change or influence control at the Company, and does not currently have this intent, (II) has not nominated and shall not nominate for election to the Board at the annual general meeting any person other than the Shareholder Nominee(s) being nominated pursuant to this article 78A, (III) has not engaged and shall not engage in, and has not been and shall not be a participant (as defined in Item 4 of Exchange Act Schedule 14A) in, a solicitation within the meaning of

Exchange Act Rule 14a-1(l), in support of the election of any individual as a Director at the annual general meeting other than its Shareholder Nominee(s) or any nominee(s) of the Board and (IV) shall not distribute to any Shareholder any form of proxy for the annual general meeting other than the form distributed by the Company; and

(C) it will (I) assume all liability stemming from any legal or regulatory violation arising out of the Eligible Shareholder's communications with the Shareholders of the Company or out of the information that the Eligible Shareholder provided to the Company in connection with the annual general meeting, (II) indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each of its Directors, officers and employees individually against any liability, loss or damages in connection with any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding, whether legal, administrative or investigative, against the Company or any of its Directors, officers or employees arising out of the Eligible Shareholder's communications with the Shareholders of the Company or out of the information that the Eligible Shareholder provided to the Company in connection with the annual general meeting, (III) comply with all laws, rules, regulations and listing standards applicable to its nomination or any solicitation in connection with the annual general meeting, (IV) file with the SEC any solicitation or other communication by or on behalf of the Eligible Shareholder relating to the Company's annual general meeting of Shareholders, one or more of the Company's Directors or Director nominees or any Shareholder Nominee, regardless of whether the filing is required under Exchange Act Regulation 14A, or whether any exemption from filing is available for the materials under Exchange Act Regulation 14A, and (V) at the request of the Company, promptly, but in any event within five business days after such request (or by the day prior to the day of the

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annual general meeting, if earlier), provide to the Company such additional information as reasonably requested by the Company.

- (iv) in the case of a nomination by a group, the designation by all group members of one group member that is authorized to act on behalf of all members of the group with respect to the nomination and matters related thereto, including withdrawal of the nomination, and the written agreement, representation and warranty of the Eligible Shareholder that it shall provide, within five business days after the date of the Shareholder Notice, documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Company demonstrating that the number of Shareholders and/or Beneficial Owners within such group does not exceed twenty, including whether a group of funds qualifies as one Shareholder or Beneficial Owner within the meaning of article 78A(c).

All information provided pursuant to this article 78A(f) shall be deemed part of the Shareholder Notice for purposes of this article 78A.

- (g) To be timely under this article 78A, the Shareholder Notice must be delivered by a Shareholder to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company not later than the Close of Business on the 120<sup>th</sup> day nor earlier than the 150<sup>th</sup> day prior to the first anniversary of the date (as stated in the Company's proxy materials) the definitive proxy statement was first released to Shareholders in connection with the preceding year's annual general meeting of Shareholders; provided, however, that in the event the annual general meeting is more than 30 days before or after the anniversary of the previous year's annual general meeting, or if no annual general meeting was held in the preceding year, to be timely, the Shareholder Notice must be so delivered not earlier than the 150<sup>th</sup> day prior to such annual general meeting and not later than the Close of Business on the later of the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to such annual general meeting or the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which Public Announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Company. In no event shall an adjournment or recess of an annual general meeting, or a postponement of an annual general meeting for which notice has been given or with respect to which there has been a Public Announcement of the date of the meeting, commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of the Shareholder Notice as described above.

- (h) The Shareholder Notice shall include, for each Shareholder Nominee:

- (i) all written and signed representations, consents, information and agreements required of a nominee under article 76(c)(v);
- (ii) consent to being named in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy as a nominee and to serving as a Director if elected; and

- (iii) consent and agreement to provide to the Company such other information as it may reasonably request. The Company may request such additional information as necessary to permit the Board to determine if each Shareholder Nominee satisfies the requirements of this article 78A.
- (i) In the event that any information or communications provided by the Eligible Shareholder or any Shareholder Nominees to the Company or its Shareholders is not, when provided, or thereafter ceases to be, true, correct and complete in all material respects (including omitting a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading), such Eligible Shareholder or Shareholder Nominee, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the Secretary and provide the information that is required to make such information or communication true, correct, complete and not misleading; it being understood that providing any such notification shall not be deemed to cure any defect or limit the Company's right to omit a Shareholder Nominee from its proxy materials as provided in this article 78A.
- (j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this article 78A, the Company may omit from its proxy materials any Shareholder Nominee, and such nomination shall be disregarded and no vote on such Shareholder Nominee shall occur, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Company, if:
- (i) the Eligible Shareholder (and in the case of a group, any Shareholder or Beneficial Owner whose Shares are aggregated for purposes of constituting an Eligible Shareholder) or Shareholder Nominee breaches any of its agreements, representations or warranties set forth in the Shareholder Notice or otherwise submitted pursuant to this article 78A, any of the information in the Shareholder Notice or otherwise submitted pursuant to this article 78A was not, when provided, true, correct and complete, or the Eligible Shareholder (and in the case of a group, any Shareholder or Beneficial Owner whose



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Shares are aggregated for purposes of constituting an Eligible Shareholder) or applicable Shareholder Nominee otherwise fails to comply with its obligations pursuant to these Articles of Association, including, but not limited to, its obligations under this article 78A;

- (ii) the Shareholder Nominee (A) is not independent under any applicable listing standards, any applicable rules of the SEC and any publicly disclosed standards used by the Board in determining and disclosing the independence of the Company's Directors, (B) is or has been, within the past three years, an officer or director of a competitor, as defined in Section 8 of the Clayton Antitrust Act of 1914, as amended, (C) is a named subject of a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses) or has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses) within the past ten years or (D) is subject to any order of the type specified in Rule 506(d) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
  
- (iii) the Company has received a notice (whether or not subsequently withdrawn) that a Shareholder intends to nominate any candidate for election to the Board pursuant to the advance notice requirements for Shareholder nominees for Director in article 76(a)(ii);
  
- (iv) the election of the Shareholder Nominee to the Board would cause the Company to violate the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, these Articles of Association, or any applicable law, rule, regulation or listing standard; or
  
- (v) if the Eligible Shareholder at any time fails to continuously Own the Required Shares from the date of the Shareholder Notice through the annual general meeting of Shareholders.
  
- (k) An Eligible Shareholder submitting more than one Shareholder Nominee for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials pursuant to this article 78A shall rank such Shareholder Nominees based on the order that the Eligible Shareholder desires such Shareholder Nominees to be selected for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials and include such assigned rank in its Shareholder Notice submitted to the Company. In the event that the number of Shareholder Nominees submitted by Eligible Shareholders pursuant to this article 78A exceeds the Authorized Number, the Shareholder Nominees to be included in the Company's proxy materials shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions: one Shareholder Nominee who satisfies the eligibility requirements in this article 78A shall be selected from each Eligible Shareholder for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials until the Authorized Number is reached, going in order of the amount (largest to smallest) of Shares of the Company each Eligible Shareholder disclosed as Owned in its Shareholder Notice submitted to the Company and going in the order of the rank (highest to lowest) assigned to each Shareholder Nominee by such Eligible Shareholder. If the Authorized Number is not reached after one Shareholder Nominee who satisfies the eligibility requirements in this article 78A has been selected

from each Eligible Shareholder, this selection process shall continue as many times as necessary, following the same order each time, until the Authorized Number is reached. Following such determination, if any Shareholder Nominee who satisfies the eligibility requirements in this article 78A thereafter is nominated by the Board, thereafter is not included in the Company's proxy materials or thereafter is not submitted for Director election for any reason (including the Eligible Shareholder's or Shareholder Nominee's failure to comply with this article 78A), no other nominee or nominees shall be included in the Company's proxy materials or otherwise submitted for election as a Director at the applicable annual general meeting in substitution for such Shareholder Nominee.

- (l) Any Shareholder Nominee who is included in the Company's proxy materials for a particular annual general meeting of Shareholders but withdraws from or becomes ineligible or unavailable for election at the annual general meeting for any reason, including for the failure to comply with any provision of these Articles of Association (provided that in no event shall any such withdrawal, ineligibility or unavailability commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a Shareholder Notice) shall be ineligible to be a Shareholder Nominee pursuant to this article 78A for the next two annual general meetings.
  
- (m) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this article 78A, unless otherwise required by law, if the Shareholder delivering the Shareholder Notice (or a qualified representative of the Shareholder) does not appear at the annual general meeting of Shareholders of the Company to present its Shareholder Nominee or Shareholder Nominees, such nomination or nominations shall be disregarded, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of the election of the Shareholder Nominee or Shareholder Nominees may have been received by the Company. This article 78A shall be the exclusive method for Shareholders to include nominees for Director election in the Company's proxy materials.

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**Appendix B**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 59 AND 76**

Note: the amendments set out in this Appendix B are reflected as a comparison to the Articles of Association of the Company as of the date of this proxy statement. Additional amendments will be made to the Articles of Association if shareholders approve Proposal 7.

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(a) For business to be properly requested by a Shareholder to be brought before an annual general meeting, as set out in article 58(a)(v) above, the Shareholder must:

(i) be a Shareholder of the Company of record at the time of the giving of the notice for such annual general meeting;

(ii) be entitled to vote at such meeting; and

(iii) have given timely notice in writing to the Secretary.

(b) To be timely, a Shareholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary at the Registered Office not less than ~~sixty~~90 nor more than ~~ninety~~120 calendar days prior to the first anniversary of the date on which the Company first mailed its proxy materials for the preceding year's annual general meeting of Shareholders; provided, however, that ~~when in the case of any annual general meeting where the date of an~~in the case of any annual general meeting where the date of an the annual general meeting is advanced by more than 30 calendar days before or delayed by more than ~~sixty~~60 calendar days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual general meeting, ~~to be timely, or if no annual general meeting was held in the preceding year, then~~ notice by the Shareholder to be timely must be so delivered not ~~later~~earlier than the ~~close of business on the later of the ninetieth~~later of the 90<sup>th</sup> calendar day prior to such annual general meeting or the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day following the day on which ~~public announcement~~Public Announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. In no event shall an adjournment or recess of an annual general meeting, or a postponement of an annual general meeting for which notice has been given or with respect to which there has been a Public Announcement of the date of such meeting, commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of the Shareholder's notice as described above.

~~(b)~~(c) To be in proper written form, a Shareholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth:

(i) as to each matter the Shareholder proposes to bring before the annual general meeting: (1) a description in reasonable detail of the business desired to be brought before the annual general

meeting; (2) the text of the proposal or business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and, if the business includes a proposal to amend these memorandum and articles of association, the language of the proposed amendment); and (3) the reasons for conducting the business at the meeting; and

- (ii) as to ~~each~~ the Shareholder giving the notice and ~~any Shareholder Associate~~ (, if the notice is delivered on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, as defined below): to such Beneficial Owner, (1) the name and address of the Shareholder, as they appear on the ~~Company's~~ Register, and, if different, the current name and address of the Shareholder, and the name and address of any Shareholder Associate; (2) if the notice is delivered on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, the name and address of such Beneficial Owner and the name and address of any Shareholder Associate of such Beneficial Owner; (3) a representation that ~~at least one of these persons~~ the Shareholder is a holder of record of securities of the Company entitled to vote at the meeting and intends to remain so through the date of the meeting and to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to ~~present~~ nominate the ~~business stated~~ person or persons specified in the Shareholder's notice; ~~(3 and~~ (4) the class, series and number of ~~any share~~ securities of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by such Shareholder and if applicable by such Beneficial Owner and by each Shareholder Associate of these persons such Shareholder or Beneficial Owner as of the date of the Shareholder's notice; ~~(4 and~~ a representation that the Shareholder and Beneficial Owner will notify the Company in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of the class, series and number of securities of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by each such person as of the record date for the meeting;

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~~(ii)~~(iii) as to the Shareholder giving the notice or, if the notice is delivered on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, as to such Beneficial Owner (1) a description of any material interests of any of these persons the Shareholder or the Beneficial Owner, and of any Shareholder Associate in the business proposed and of all agreements, arrangements and understandings between these persons or among the Shareholder giving the notice, the Beneficial Owner on whose behalf the notice is given, any Shareholder Associate and any other person (including their names) in connection with the business proposal of the Shareholder; (2) a description of any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship between or among the Shareholder giving the notice, the Beneficial Owner on whose behalf the notice is given, any Shareholder Associate and any other person, including without limitation any legal, financial and/or compensatory agreements and any agreements that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 5 or Item 6 of Exchange Act Schedule 13D (regardless of whether the requirement to file a Schedule 13D is applicable) or pursuant to which any of these persons has a right to vote any shares of any shares of the Company; (6, and a representation that the Shareholder will notify the Company in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting; (3) a description of any derivative positions related to any class or series of securities of the Company owned of record or beneficially by the ~~shareholder of~~ Shareholder or the Beneficial Owner and by any Shareholder Associate; (7) a description of whether and the extent to which any hedging, swap or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short position or any borrowing or lending of securities) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss ~~to or benefit from,~~ or manage risk ~~of or benefit from~~ any stock price changes for, or to provide a right or obligation to acquire or dispose of, any class or series of the Company's securities for, or to maintain, increase or decrease the voting power of, the ~~shareholder or~~ Shareholder or the Beneficial Owner, and of any Shareholder Associate with respect to any securities of the Company; and (8, and a representation that the Shareholder or Beneficial Owner will notify the Company in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting; (5) a representation that after the date of the Shareholder's notice and up to the date of the meeting, each of these persons will provide written notice to the Secretary ~~of the Company~~ as soon as practicable following a change in the number of securities of the Company held as described in response to ~~subclause (3) clause (ii)~~ (4) above that equals 1% or more of the then-issued shares of the Company, and/or entry, termination, amendment or modification of the agreements, arrangements or understandings described in response to subclause (5) or (4) above that results in a change that equals 1% or more of the then-issued shares of the Company or in the economic interests underlying ~~these~~ these agreements, arrangements or understandings; and (6) such Shareholder's and Beneficial Owner's written consent to the public disclosure of information provided to the Company pursuant to this article 59; and

(iv)

a representation as to whether or not the Shareholder giving notice, the Beneficial Owner on whose behalf the Shareholder is giving notice and any Shareholder Associate intends, or intends to be part of a group that intends: (1) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Company's issued shares carrying voting rights required to approve or adopt the proposal; and/or (2) otherwise to solicit proxies from Shareholders in support of the proposal.

~~(e)~~(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this article 59, in order for a Shareholder to submit a proposal for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement for an annual general meeting of Shareholders, the Shareholder must comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act, including Rule 14a-8 (or any comparable successor rule or regulation under the Exchange Act), and the rules and regulations thereunder. The provisions of this article 59(b)(iii) will not be deemed to prevent a Shareholder from submitting proposals for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement pursuant to those rules and regulations.

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(a) No person shall be appointed a Director, unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of this article 76. Nominations of persons for appointment as Directors may be made:

(i) by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board;

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- (ii) with respect to election at an annual general meeting, by any Shareholder who holds Ordinary Shares or other shares carrying the general right to vote at general meetings of the Company, who is a Shareholder at the time of the giving of the notice provided for in article 76(b) and at the time of the relevant annual general meeting, and who timely complies with the notice procedures set forth in this article 76;
- (iii) with respect to election at an extraordinary general meeting requisitioned in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts, by a Shareholder or Shareholders who hold Ordinary Shares or other shares carrying the general right to vote at general meetings of the Company and who make such nomination in the written requisition of the extraordinary general meeting in accordance with article 48(b) and in compliance with the other provisions of these articles and the Companies Acts relating to nominations of Directors and the proper bringing of special business before an extraordinary general meeting; ~~and~~
- (iv) by holders of any class or series of shares in the Company then in issue having special rights to nominate or appoint Directors in accordance with the terms of issue of such class or series, but only to the extent provided in such terms of issue; and
- (v) with respect to election at an annual general meeting, by any Shareholder who is or is acting on behalf of an Eligible Shareholder at the time of the giving of the notice provided for in article 78A and at the time of the relevant annual general meeting, and who timely complies with and satisfies the requirements set forth in article 78A.

(sub-clauses (ii), (iii) ~~and~~, (iv) and (v) being the exclusive means for a Shareholder to make nominations of persons for election to the Board).

- (b) For nominations of persons for election as Directors at an annual general meeting, to be timely, a Shareholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary at the Registered Office not less than ~~60~~90 nor more than ~~90~~120 calendar days prior to the first anniversary of the date on which the Company first mailed its proxy materials for the preceding year's annual general meeting of Shareholders; provided, however, that in the case of any annual general meeting where the date of the annual general meeting is advanced by more than 30 calendar days before or delayed by more than 60 calendar days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual general meeting, or if no annual general meeting was held in the preceding year, then notice by the Shareholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the 120<sup>th</sup> calendar day prior to such annual general meeting and not later than the ~~close~~Close of business~~Business~~ on the later of the 90th calendar day prior to such annual general meeting or the 10th calendar day following the

day on which ~~public announcement~~Public Announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. For nominations of persons for election as Directors at an extraordinary general meeting duly called for that purpose, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by the Secretary at the Registered Office not less than 90 calendar days nor more than 120 calendar days prior to the extraordinary general meeting; provided, however, that in the event that less than 70 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to Shareholders, notice by the Shareholder must be so delivered not later than the ~~close~~Close of businessBusiness on the 15th calendar day following the day on which ~~public announcement~~Public Announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. In no event shall an adjournment or recess of an annual general meeting, or a postponement of an annual general meeting for which notice has been given or with respect to which there has been a Public Announcement of the date of such meeting, commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of the Shareholder's notice as described above.

- (c) To be in proper written form, a Shareholder's notice must set forth:
- (i) as to each person who is not an incumbent Director of the Company whom the Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a Director, (A) the name, age, business address and residence address of such person; (B) the principal occupation or employment of such person; (C) the class, series and number of securities of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by such person; (D) the date or dates the securities were acquired and the investment intent of each acquisition; (E) any other information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations for proxies for election of Directors pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act (or any comparable successor rule or regulation under the Exchange Act); and (F) any other information relating to such



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person that the Board or any nominating committee of the Board reviews in considering any person for nomination as a Director, as will be provided by the Secretary upon request;

- (ii) ~~as to the Shareholder giving the notice and any Shareholder Associate, if the notice is delivered on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, as to such Beneficial Owner, (A) the name and address of the Shareholder, as they appear on the Register, and, if different, the current name and address of the Shareholder, and the name and address of any Shareholder Associate; (B) if the notice is delivered on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, the name and address of such Beneficial Owner and the name and address of any Shareholder Associate of such Beneficial Owner; (C) a representation that at least one of these persons~~ the Shareholder is a holder of record or beneficially of securities of the Company entitled to vote at the meeting and intends to remain so through the date of the meeting and to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the Shareholder's notice; ~~(C) the class, series and number of securities of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by each of these persons as of the date of the Shareholder's notice; (D) a description of any material relationships, including legal, financial and/or compensatory, among the Shareholder giving the notice, any Shareholder Associate and the proposed nominee(s); (E) a description of any derivative positions related to any class or series of securities of the Company owned of record or beneficially by the Shareholder or any Shareholder Associate; (F) a description of whether and the extent to which any hedging, swap or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short position or any borrowing or lending of securities) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to, or manage risk of stock price changes for, or to increase the voting power of, the Shareholder or any Shareholder Associate with respect to any securities of the Company; and (G) a representation that after the date of the Shareholder's notice and up to the date of the meeting each of these persons will provide written notice to the Secretary as soon as practicable following a change in the number of securities of the Company held as described in response to subclause (C) above that equals 1% or more of the then issued shares of the Company, and/or entry, termination, amendment or modification of the agreements, arrangements or understandings described in response to subclause (F) above that results in a change that equals 1% or more of the then issued shares of the Company or in the economic interests underlying these agreements, arrangements or understandings~~ and (D) the class, series and number of securities of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by such Shareholder or Beneficial Owner and by each Shareholder Associate of such Shareholder or Beneficial Owner as of the date of the Shareholder's notice and a representation that the Shareholder and Beneficial Owner will notify the Company in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of the class, series and number of securities of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by each such person as of the record date for the meeting;
- (iii) ~~a representation as to whether the Shareholder giving notice and any Shareholder Associate intends, or intends to be as to the Shareholder giving the notice or, if the notice is delivered on behalf of a Beneficial Owner, as to such Beneficial Owner (A) a description of any proxy, contract, arrangement,~~

understanding or agreement between or among the Shareholder giving the notice, the Beneficial Owner on whose behalf the notice is given, any Shareholder Associate, the proposed nominee(s) and any other person, including without limitation any legal, financial and/or compensatory agreements and any agreements that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 5 or Item 6 of Exchange Act Schedule 13D (regardless of whether the requirement to file a Schedule 13D is applicable) or pursuant to which any of these persons has a right to vote any shares of the Company, and a representation that the Shareholder will notify the Company in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting; (B) a description of any derivative positions related to any class or series of securities of the Company owned of record or beneficially by the Shareholder or the Beneficial Owner, and by any Shareholder Associate; (C) a description of whether and the extent to which any hedging, swap or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short position or any borrowing or lending of securities) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss or benefit from, or manage risk or benefit from any stock price changes for, or to provide a right or

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obligation to acquire or dispose of, any class or series of the Company's securities for, or to maintain, increase or decrease the voting power of, the Shareholder or the Beneficial Owner, and of any Shareholder Associate with respect to any securities of the Company and a representation that the Shareholder or Beneficial Owner will notify the Company in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting; (D) a representation that after the date of the Shareholder's notice and up to the date of the meeting each of these persons will provide written notice to the Secretary as soon as practicable following a change in the number of securities of the Company held as described in response to clause (ii)(D) above that equals 1% or more of the then-issued shares of the Company, and/or entry, termination, amendment or modification of the agreements, arrangements or understandings described in response to subclause (B) or (C) above that results in a change that equals 1% or more of the then-issued shares of the Company or in the economic interests underlying these agreements, arrangements or understandings; and (E) such Shareholder's and Beneficial Owner's written consent to the public disclosure of information provided to the Company pursuant to this article 76:

(iii)(iv) a representation as to whether the Shareholder giving notice, the Beneficial Owner on whose behalf notice is given and any Shareholder Associate intends, or is or expects to become part of a group that intends: (A) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Company's issued share capital required to elect the proposed nominee; and/or (B) otherwise to solicit proxies from Shareholders in support of the proposed nominee; and

(iv)(v) a written consent of each proposed nominee to serve as a Director of the Company, if elected, and a representation that the proposed nominee (A) ~~does not or will not have any undisclosed voting commitments or other arrangements with respect to his or her actions as a Director; and (B) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity: (1) as to how the person, if elected as a Director, will act or vote on any issue or question that has not been disclosed to the Company, or (2) that could limit or interfere with the person's ability to comply, if elected as a Director, with such person's fiduciary duties under applicable law; (B) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Company with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a Director or nominee that has not been disclosed to the Company; (C) will comply with these articles and all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Company; (D) intends to serve as a Director for the full term for which such person is standing for election; and (E) consents to the public disclosure of information provided to the Company pursuant to this article 76. In addition, each proposed nominee must at the request of the Company, promptly, but in any event within five business days after such request, submit to the Company all completed and signed questionnaires required of the Company's nominees.~~

- (d) The determination of whether a nomination of a candidate for election as a Director of the Company has been timely and properly brought before such meeting in accordance with this article 76 will be made by the presiding officer of such meeting. If the presiding officer determines that any nomination has not been timely and properly brought before such meeting, he or she will so declare to the meeting and such defective nomination will be disregarded.

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**Admission to the Annual General Meeting**

Shareholders who plan to attend the 2017 Annual General Meeting may obtain admission tickets at the Registration Desk immediately prior to the meeting. Shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of a broker or bank should obtain certification of ownership to bring to the meeting.

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Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS**

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

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**THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.**

**EATON CORPORATION PLC**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Election of Directors	<b>For Against Abstain</b>			
1a. Craig Arnold				
1b. Todd M. Bluedorn		<b>The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against Abstain</b>
1c. Christopher M. Connor		2. Approving a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Association to implement proxy access.		
1d. Michael J. Critelli		3. Approving a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Association regarding bringing shareholder business and making director nominations at an annual general meeting.		
1e. Richard H. Fearon		4. Approving the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for 2017 and authorizing the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors to set its remuneration.		
1f. Charles E. Golden		5. Advisory approval of the Company's executive compensation.		
1g. Arthur E. Johnson				
1h. Deborah L. McCoy		<b>The Board of Directors recommends you vote one</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Years 3 Years Abstain</b>

**year on the following proposal:**

i. Gregory R. Pianalto

6. Advisory approval for frequency of executive compensation votes.

1j. Sandra Pianalto

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

**For Against Abstain**

1k. Gerald B. Smith

7. Approving a proposal to grant the Board authority to issue shares.

1l. Dorothy C. Thompson

8. Approving a proposal to grant the Board authority to opt out of pre-emption rights.

For address changes/comments, mark here. (see reverse for instructions)

9. Authorizing the Company and any subsidiary of the Company to make overseas market purchases of Company shares.

**NOTE: IN THEIR DISCRETION, THE PROXIES NAMED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CARD ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.**

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.



Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]

Signature (Joint Owner) Date

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual General Meeting:**

The Notice and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Irish Statutory Accounts are available at [www.proxyvote.com/etn](http://www.proxyvote.com/etn).

**EATON CORPORATION PLC  
Annual General Meeting of Shareholders  
April 26, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. (local time)  
This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors**

The undersigned hereby appoints C. Arnold, H. Monesmith and T. Moran as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as indicated on the reverse side of this card, all of the Eaton ordinary shares held by the undersigned on February 27, 2017, at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at Eaton House, 30 Pembroke Road, Dublin, Ireland, on April 26, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. local time and at any adjournments thereof.

**For Eaton employees and former employees who own shares through the employee savings plans managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company or Banco Popular de Puerto Rico (each a Trustee ) (Eaton Savings Plan, Eaton Personal Investment Plan, Apex Tool Group 401(k) Savings Plan, or Eaton Puerto Rico Savings Plan):** This proxy card includes shares received through the plans described above and held on February 27, 2017 by Fidelity Management Trust Company or Banco Popular de Puerto Rico, as applicable. This card provides instructions to Fidelity Management Trust Company or Banco Popular de Puerto Rico for voting plan shares. For the Eaton Savings Plan, Eaton Personal Investment Plan, or Eaton Puerto Rico Savings Plan, if voting instructions are not received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 23, 2017, the Trustee will vote those shares in the same proportion, on each issue, as it votes other Eaton shares according to instructions received from other participants in the plans. For the Apex Tool Group 401(k) Savings Plan, if the Trustee does not receive your voting instructions by that time and date, the Trustee will not vote those shares.

**This card, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed on the reverse side. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendations, as indicated on the reverse side, and in the discretion of the proxy upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.**

**Address Changes/Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

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