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MCCORMICK & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

18 LOVETON CIRCLE, SPARKS, MARYLAND 21152

February 16, 2012

I am pleased to invite you to attend the March 28, 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will again be held at the Martin's Valley Mansion, 594 Cranbrook Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030.

The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please arrive as early as 9:00 a.m. to enjoy tea and coffee and visit with friends.

Prior to the meeting, I encourage you to review the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders for the 2011 fiscal year.

Your vote is requested on two proposals:

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Proposal One relates to the election of the listed nominees to the Board of Directors. The Board recommends that stockholders vote for each of the nominees listed in the proxy statement.

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Proposal Two seeks stockholder ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2012. The Board recommends that stockholders ratify the appointment.

At last year's Annual Meeting, stockholders had the opportunity, on a non-binding advisory basis, to (i) endorse or not endorse our fiscal 2010 pay program for Named Executive Officers (a "say-on-pay" vote), and (ii) inform the Company on how often stockholders wish to include a "say-on-pay" proposal in our proxy statement (a "say-on-frequency" vote). The voting results showed significant support by stockholders for both our fiscal 2010 pay program and for a "say-on-pay" vote every three years. Accordingly, your Board of Directors determined that the next stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation will be held at our 2014 Annual Meeting.

In 2011, your Company reported earnings per share of \$2.79, led by double-digit sales growth. Our growth in sales and profits was achieved through product innovation, an increase in brand marketing support, and new distribution. Your Company expanded geographically through an acquisition in Poland and a majority-owned joint venture in India. Employees in locations worldwide continue to achieve important cost savings (\$65 million last year) through McCormick's Comprehensive Continuous Improvement program.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote your shares by signing and returning the proxy card, or use telephone or internet voting, so that your shares are represented at the meeting.

I appreciate your continued confidence in our Company. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Best regards,

Alan D. Wilson

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
March 28, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Martin's Valley Mansion, 594 Cranbrook Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of McCormick & Company, Incorporated will be held at the **Martin's Valley Mansion, 594 Cranbrook Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030** at 10:00 a.m. on March 28, 2012, for the purpose of considering and acting upon:

(1)

the election of directors from the nominees named in the proxy statement to act until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified;

(2)

the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of McCormick to serve for the 2012 fiscal year; and

(3)

any other matters that may properly come before such meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on **December 30, 2011** as the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof. **Only holders of Common Stock are entitled to vote.** Holders of Common Stock Non-Voting are welcome to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting.

If you are a holder of Common Stock, a proxy card is enclosed. Please vote your proxy promptly by internet, telephone or by mail as directed on the proxy card in order that your stock may be voted at the Annual Meeting.

You may revoke the proxy at any time before it is voted by submitting a later dated proxy card or by subsequently voting via internet or telephone or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

February 16, 2012

W. Geoffrey Carpenter

Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

***IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS
FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 28, 2012:***

The proxy statement and McCormick's Form 10-K for the 2011 fiscal year are available at www.proxyvote.com. These materials are also available on McCormick's Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under "Financial Information," then "Proxy Materials."

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SELECTED DEFINITIONS

The following terms are used in the proxy statement and have the meanings noted:

Earnings Per Share (EPS) – net income divided by the total of the average number of shares of common stock and common stock equivalents (e.g., stock options) outstanding.

Exchange Act – the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Market Group – those manufacturers of food and other non-durable consumer goods listed on page 22. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors compares the executive compensation programs of these companies to the targeted total compensation for each position occupied by McCormick’s executive officers, including its Named Executive Officers.

Named Executive Officers – the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), and the Company’s three most highly compensated executive officers, other than the CEO and CFO. In this proxy statement, our Named Executive Officers consist of Alan D. Wilson, Gordon M. Stetz, Jr., Lawrence E. Kurzius, Charles T. Langmead and Mark T. Timbie.

Peer Group – those manufacturers of food products listed on page 23. The Compensation Committee establishes the financial performance targets used by McCormick for its performance-based incentive plans based on an analysis of such plans offered by the Peer Group companies because they are companies with whom we compete for equity investors.

Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) – A restricted stock unit is an award equal in value to, and payable in, company stock. Company stock is not issued at the time of the grant, but is issued after the recipient of the RSU satisfies the vesting requirements. Dividends and voting rights begin only upon vesting of the RSU and issuance of the underlying stock.

Total Stockholder Return (TSR) – share price appreciation over a given period of time plus dividends paid on the shares over the same time period.

[Back to Contents](#)**PROXY STATEMENT****General Information**

This proxy statement is furnished on or about February 16, 2012 to the holders of Common Stock in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of McCormick of proxies to be voted at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or any adjournments thereof.

The shares represented by all proxies received will be voted in accordance with the instructions contained in the proxies. Any proxy given may be revoked at any time before it is voted by submitting a later dated proxy card, or by subsequently voting via internet or telephone or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Such right of revocation is not limited or subject to compliance with any formal procedure. Attending the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke a stockholder's prior internet or telephone vote or the stockholder's proxy.

The cost of the solicitation of proxies will be borne by McCormick. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by use of the mails, officers and employees of McCormick may solicit proxies by telephone, electronic mail, personal interview, and/or through the Internet. We also may request that brokers and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries forward proxy soliciting material to the beneficial owners of shares held of record by such persons, and McCormick may reimburse them for their expenses in so doing.

Record Date. At the close of business on December 30, 2011, there were 12,507,856 shares of Common Stock outstanding, which constitute all of the outstanding voting shares of McCormick. Except for certain voting limitations imposed by the Charter on beneficial owners of 10% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. Only holders of record of shares of Common Stock at the close of business on December 30, 2011 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

References in this proxy statement to "Common Stock" do not refer to shares of Common Stock Non-Voting, which are not entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

Set forth below is certain information on those persons known to us to beneficially own more than five percent of the Common Stock of the Company.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

		Amount & Nature	
	Name & Address	of Beneficial	Percent
Title of Class	of Beneficial Owner	Ownership⁽¹⁾	of Class
Common Stock	McCormick 401(k)	2,738,742 ⁽²⁾	21.9%
	Retirement Plan		

18 Loveton Circle

Sparks, Maryland 21152

Common Stock

Harry K. Wells 1,043,246⁽³⁾ 8.3%

P.O. Box 409

Riderwood, Maryland 21139

(1) All shares beneficially owned as of December 30, 2011.

(2) The plan is not the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock for purposes of the voting limitations described in our Charter. Each plan participant has the right to vote all shares of Common Stock allocated to such participant's plan account. The plan's Investment Committee possesses investment discretion over the shares of Common Stock, except that, in the event of a tender offer, each participant of the plan is entitled to instruct the Investment Committee as to whether to tender Common Stock allocated to such participant's account. The current members of the Investment Committee are Joyce L. Brooks, Vice President – Investor Relations, W. Geoffrey Carpenter, Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, James E. Dunn, Jr., Vice President – Compensation & Benefits, Kenneth A. Kelly, Jr., Senior Vice President & Controller, Cecile K. Perich, Senior Vice President – Human Relations, Michael R. Smith, Vice President – Treasury & Investor Relations, and Gordon M. Stetz, Jr., Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer.

(3) Shares are held in two trusts.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance Guidelines

McCormick has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are available on its Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under “Corporate Governance,” then “Guidelines.” These Guidelines contain general principles regarding the function of McCormick’s Board of Directors and Board Committees. The Guidelines are reviewed on an annual basis by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Board, which submits to the Board for approval any changes deemed desirable or necessary.

Independence of Directors

McCormick’s Corporate Governance Guidelines require that a majority of the Board of Directors be comprised of independent directors. For a director to be considered independent under the Listing Standards of the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”), the Board must affirmatively determine that the director has no direct or indirect material relationship with McCormick. The NYSE’s director independence guidelines are incorporated in McCormick’s Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are used by the Board in making independence determinations. The Board has determined that the following directors are independent: John P. Bilbrey, James T. Brady, J. Michael Fitzpatrick, Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, Patricia Little, Michael D. Mangan, Margaret M.V. Preston, George A. Roche and William E. Stevens.

In connection with these independence determinations, the Board considered the following:

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John P. Bilbrey is an executive officer of The Hershey Company and a commercial relationship exists between McCormick and The Hershey Company. However, the Board has determined that the commercial relationship is not material for the following reasons: (1) the payments made to McCormick by The Hershey Company are substantially less than 2% of the consolidated gross revenues of The Hershey Company; (2) Mr. Bilbrey does not participate in the negotiation of commercial transactions on behalf of The Hershey Company, nor has he been involved in the execution of any commercial transactions between McCormick and The Hershey Company since their inception; and (3) the products supplied by McCormick to The Hershey Company are readily available from other sources of supply.

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Patricia Little is an executive officer of Kelly Services, Inc. and a commercial relationship exists between McCormick and Kelly Services, Inc. However, the Board has determined that the commercial relationship is not material for the following reasons: (1) the payments made by McCormick to Kelly Services, Inc. are substantially less than 2% of the consolidated gross revenues of Kelly Services, Inc.; (2) Ms. Little does not participate in the negotiation of commercial transactions on behalf of Kelly Services, Inc., nor has she been involved in the execution of any commercial transactions between McCormick and Kelly Services, Inc. since their inception; and (3) the services provided by Kelly Services, Inc. to McCormick are readily available from other workplace staffing companies.

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Margaret M.V. Preston is a Managing Director and Regional Executive with US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management – an affiliate of Bank of America Corporation – and a commercial relationship exists between Bank of America Corporation and McCormick. However, the Board has determined that the commercial relationship is not

material for the following reasons: (1) McCormick has no commercial relationship with Bank of America Private Wealth Management; (2) the payments made by McCormick to Bank of America Corporation and its affiliates are substantially less than 2% of the consolidated gross revenues of Bank of America Corporation; (3) Ms. Preston is not an officer of Bank of America Corporation and does not participate in the negotiation of the commercial transactions on behalf of Bank of America Corporation; and (4) the services provided by Bank of America Corporation to McCormick are readily available from other banking institutions.

For these reasons, the Board has concluded that Mr. Bilbrey, Ms. Little and Ms. Preston have no direct or indirect material relationship with McCormick that would preclude a determination of independence.

Procedure Regarding Transactions with a Related Person

McCormick maintains a written related person transactions procedure that is administered by members of McCormick's management and the Audit Committee of the Board. The written procedure applies to any transaction with a "related person" (defined by Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act) in which the Company is a participant and in which a related person has or will have a direct or indirect material interest, other than:

(a)

a transaction involving \$120,000 or less when aggregated with all similar transactions;

(b)

a transaction involving compensation to a director or director nominee that is required to be reported pursuant to Item 402(k) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act;

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(c)

a transaction involving compensation to an executive officer if (i) the executive officer is not an immediate family member of an executive officer or director of the Company, (ii) the compensation is reported pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act (or would be required to be reported under such regulation if the executive were a “named executive officer” under such regulation), and (iii) the compensation was approved by the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee;

(d)

a transaction where the related person’s interest arises from such person’s position as a director of another entity that is a party to the transaction;

(e)

a transaction where the related person’s interest arises from the direct or indirect ownership by such person and their immediate family, in the aggregate, of less than a 10% equity interest in another entity that is a party to the transaction; and

(f)

any other transaction that is not required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act.

The procedure provides that any actual or proposed related person transaction that is identified during McCormick’s quarterly management certification process is reviewed and analyzed by McCormick’s corporate controllership and legal staff (the “Management Reviewers”). If the transaction in question is determined to be a related person transaction but (i) it is not material to the Company, and/or (ii) the commercial terms are consistent with the commercial terms of comparable arm’s length transactions with unrelated third parties, the Management Reviewers shall refer the proposed transaction to the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) for review and appropriate disposition, in their sole discretion.

If the transaction in question is determined to be a related person transaction and (i) it is material to the Company, and/or (ii) the commercial terms are more favorable to the related person than the commercial terms of comparable arm’s length transactions with unrelated third parties, the Management Reviewers shall review the transaction with the CEO and CFO, who shall determine whether to ratify or re-negotiate the actual transaction, or in the case of a proposed transaction whether to accept or reject the proposal. If the CEO and the CFO desire to ratify the transaction or accept the proposal on existing terms, or if the CEO or the CFO have a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction or the proposal (regardless of materiality or the reasonableness of the commercial terms), the transaction or proposal shall be submitted to the Audit Committee for review and disposition.

As a general rule, any employee or director who has a direct or indirect material interest in an actual or proposed related person transaction will not participate in the review and disposition of the transaction.

Business Ethics

McCormick’s business is conducted by its employees under the leadership of its CEO and under the oversight and direction of its Board of Directors for the purpose of enhancing the long-term value of McCormick for its stockholders. McCormick’s management and the Board of Directors believe that the creation of long-term value

requires McCormick to conduct its business honestly and ethically as well as in accordance with applicable laws. McCormick has a Business Ethics Policy which was first adopted by the Board more than 25 years ago. The Policy is reviewed annually by management and the Audit Committee of the Board and is amended as circumstances warrant. The Policy is administered by McCormick's General Counsel under the oversight of the CEO and the Audit Committee. McCormick's Business Ethics Policy is available on its Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under "Corporate Governance," then "Business Ethics Policy."

The Audit Committee has established procedures for (i) employees to submit confidential and anonymous reports of suspected illegal or unethical behavior, concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, or violations of McCormick's Business Ethics Policy, and (ii) interested persons to submit concerns regarding accounting, internal controls over financial reporting, or auditing matters. Anonymous reports by employees may be made to a confidential "hotline" service, which may be accessed by telephone. As well, concerns regarding such matters may be expressed in e-mails that may be sent to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, and/or in correspondence that may be sent to a post office box, to the attention of the General Counsel.

Available Information

McCormick's website address is www.mccormickcorporation.com. McCormick makes available free of charge through its website its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after such documents are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). McCormick's website also includes McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines, Business Ethics Policy and the charters of its Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee.

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DIRECTORS

Executive Sessions of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, the independent directors meet in regularly scheduled sessions (typically before or after each Board meeting) without the presence of management.

Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with one or more members of the Board by writing to the Board, or to a specific director at:

Board of Directors (or specific director)

McCormick & Company, Incorporated

c/o Corporate Secretary

18 Loveton Circle, Sparks, Maryland 21152

Process for Nominating Potential Director Candidates

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for selecting potential candidates for Board membership and for recommending qualified candidates to the full Board for nomination. From time to time, the Committee retains search firms to assist with the selection process.

The Committee also considers recommendations of potential candidates from stockholders. The Committee applies the same standards in evaluating candidates submitted by stockholders as it does in evaluating candidates submitted by other sources. Suggestions regarding potential director candidates, together with the supporting information concerning the potential candidate's qualifications, should be submitted in writing to:

Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee

McCormick & Company, Incorporated

c/o Corporate Secretary

18 Loveton Circle, Sparks, Maryland 21152

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Board Membership

Selection Criteria and Qualifications for All Directors

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for developing the selection criteria to be used in seeking nominees for election to the Board, within the general qualification criteria for director nominees established by the Board in McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines. As well, the Committee is responsible for identifying, screening and selecting potential candidates for Board membership and for recommending qualified candidates to the full Board. The Board will consider qualified candidates recommended by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee for election to the Board and determine which candidates to recommend to the Company's stockholders for election. The Board is responsible for filling vacancies on the Board as they arise.

In evaluating potential candidates, the Board considers the qualifications listed in McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines, including the requirement that nominees should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values, and the commitment to represent the long-term interests of the stockholders. Nominees are selected on the basis of their business and professional experience, qualifications, public service and availability, and will be experienced at policy-making levels in business, government, finance or accounting, higher education or other fields relevant to the Company's global activities.

Nominees are selected to represent all stockholders rather than special interest groups or any group of stockholders. The Board does not have a formal policy with regard to diversity of Board nominees; however, McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that diversity of background is a consideration in selecting Board nominees, and the selection criteria established by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee include a preference that candidates enhance the diversity of the Board (for example, with respect to gender, race, ethnicity, and culture). Diversity is valued because the Board believes that a variety of perspectives and experiences contributes to a more enhanced decision-making process.

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Particular Skills Represented on the Board as a Whole

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and the full Board believe a complementary mix of diverse skills, attributes, and experiences will best serve the Company and its stockholders. The director skills summary that appears below, and the related narrative for each director nominee, notes the specific experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills for each director that the Board considers important in determining that each nominee should serve on the Board in light of the Company’s business, structure, and strategic direction. The absence of an “X” for a particular skill does not mean the director in question is unable to contribute to the decision-making process in that area.

Summary of Skills of Director Nominees

	John P. Bilbrey	James T. Brady	J. Michael Fitzpatrick	Freeman A. Hrabowski, III	Patricia Little	Michael D. Mangan	Margaret M. V. Preston	George A. Roche	Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	William I. Stevens
Executive (e.g., CFO) of a publicly traded company	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Member of the Board of Directors of the Company	X			X		X		X	X	X
Member of the Board of Directors of another public company	X		X		X	X	X			X
Member of the Board of Directors of a private company				X	X		X			
Member of the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization										
Member of the Board of Directors of a company in the same industry as the Company	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Member of the Board of Directors of a company in a different industry from the Company	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Member of the Board of Directors of a company in a different industry from the Company and a different geographic region	X	X	X	X		X			X	

Expertise										
Acquisition venture	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
in										
on with al	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
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Director Skills Narrative

John P. Bilbrey

Mr. Bilbrey's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) consumer marketing experience, (iii) general management experience in international operations, and (iv) as the senior executive of a consumer foods company, a particular knowledge of the business, markets and customers in which McCormick operates. Mr. Bilbrey currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Hershey Company, which is a publicly traded multinational company. He previously served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of that company from 2010 to 2011; as the President of Hershey North America (from 2007 to 2010); and as President of Hershey International (from 2003 to 2007). Mr. Bilbrey has over 32 years of consumer products marketing experience, both domestically and internationally, including past service with Procter & Gamble, Mission Foods, and Groupe Danone. He previously lived and worked outside the United States (including the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia), for over 8 years, and his business responsibilities have taken him to over 50 countries.

James T. Brady

Mr. Brady's qualifications include (i) a high level of financial literacy, (ii) extensive experience in government relations, and (iii) strategic leadership at a large, complex, organization. Mr. Brady served for 33 years with the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen LLP, including 17 years experience as the managing partner of the Long Island, New York and the Baltimore, Maryland offices of the firm until his retirement in 1995. In addition to his chairmanship of the Audit Committee of the Board at McCormick, Mr. Brady chairs the audit committees of two other public companies: Constellation Energy Group, Inc. and T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. The McCormick Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Brady is an "audit committee financial expert" under the rules of the SEC. Mr. Brady's experience with government includes service with the State of Maryland from 1995 to 1998: (a) as the Secretary of Business and Economic Development; (b) on the Governor's Economic Development Commission; (c) on the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority; and (d) on the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority. Mr. Brady's current service as the Managing Director – Mid-Atlantic, of Ballantrae International, Ltd., a management consulting firm, and his Board oversight responsibilities at the three public companies on which he serves, gives him a unique perspective in the area of strategy formulation and implementation.

J. Michael Fitzpatrick

Dr. Fitzpatrick's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) general management experience in international operations, (iii) a high level of financial literacy, and (iv) extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions. Dr. Fitzpatrick currently serves as Chairman of Citadel Plastics Holdings, Inc., a privately held company. He was formerly the President and Chief Operating Officer at Rohm and Haas, which was a public multinational company until its acquisition by Dow Chemical, where he served for over 30 years. Dr. Fitzpatrick's international experience with Rohm and Haas included service in marketing and business management roles in Brazil and Italy, service in general and regional management positions in Mexico and the United Kingdom, and global responsibility for various Rohm and Haas businesses from 1999 to 2005. He has experience both at Citadel Plastics and at Rohm and Haas in overseeing the performance of public accountants in the preparation, auditing and evaluation of financial statements, and has served as a member of the audit committee of the board of directors of Carpenter Technology Corporation. The McCormick Board of Directors has determined that Dr. Fitzpatrick is an "audit committee financial expert" under the rules of the SEC. Service with Rohm and Haas and Citadel Plastics has involved Dr. Fitzpatrick in over 45 acquisitions, dispositions, and joint ventures.

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Freeman A. Hrabowski, III

Dr. Hrabowski's qualifications include (i) strategic leadership at a large, complex, organization, (ii) governmental experience, and (iii) consumer marketing experience. Dr. Hrabowski has served as the President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) since 1992, and his strategic leadership of that organization has been widely recognized. In 2008, he was named one of America's Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report, which in 2009, 2010, and 2011 ranked UMBC the number one "Up and Coming" university in the nation. In 2011, U.S. News also ranked UMBC fourth nationally for "Best Undergraduate Teaching." In 2009, Time magazine named him one of America's 10 Best College Presidents. In 2011, he received the Carnegie Corporation of New York's Academic Leadership Award, recognized by many as being one of the nation's highest awards among higher education leaders. He was also one of seven recipients of the 2011 Top American Leaders award from the Harvard Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. His career has been devoted to education and to helping students become future leaders in science, technology, and engineering, with a special emphasis on minority and underrepresented groups. Dr. Hrabowski's governmental experience includes working closely with the National Institutes of Health, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, and the Food & Drug Administration, as well as various agencies of the State of Maryland. Dr. Hrabowski is also a nationally recognized expert on marketing and recruitment in higher education, and works extensively with colleges and universities around the nation on such matters.

Patricia Little

Ms. Little's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) general management experience in international operations, and (iii) a high level of financial literacy. Ms. Little's current service as the Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of Kelly Services, Inc. requires management of an internationally-based financial organization. Responsibilities include the oversight of internal controls and financial systems on an international basis, the identification of enterprise risks, the oversight of the performance of the organization's public accountants in the preparation, auditing and evaluation of financial statements, and capital planning for Kelly Services. As Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, she regularly interacts with the audit committee of the board of directors of that company. Ms. Little's service at the Ford Motor Company as its general auditor included responsibilities for managing that company's global internal audit function and required that Ms. Little identify and implement opportunities for cost savings and improved processes. As was true of her service with the Ford Motor Company, her position at Kelly Services requires travel to, and a detailed understanding of, her company's international operations and the local legal and accounting requirements bearing on her area of oversight. The McCormick Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Little is an "audit committee financial expert" under the rules of the SEC.

Michael D. Mangan

Mr. Mangan's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) consumer marketing experience, (iii) a high level of financial literacy, and (iv) general management experience in international operations. Mr. Mangan served as the President of the Worldwide Power Tools and Accessories (WPTA) group of The Black & Decker Corporation until its acquisition in 2010 by The Stanley Works. In that role he provided strategic leadership of the WPTA group, and had oversight over the consumer marketing activities of that group in the international consumer marketplace. Service as President of the WPTA group, and past service as the Chief Financial Officer of The Black & Decker Corporation, broadened Mr. Mangan's international experience and provided an in-depth understanding of the company's key international markets. Service as the Chief Financial Officer of The Black & Decker Corporation, and prior service as the Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of The Ryland Group, Inc., included responsibilities for overseeing the performance of those companies' public accountants in the preparation, auditing and evaluation of financial statements, business planning, corporate finance and investments,

internal controls, and information systems. The McCormick Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Mangan is an “audit committee financial expert” under the rules of the SEC.

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Margaret M.V. Preston

Ms. Preston's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) strategic leadership at a large, complex, organization, (iii) a high level of financial literacy, and (iv) experience in mergers and acquisitions. Ms. Preston's service as the Global Chief Financial Officer of Deutsche Bank, Private Wealth Management, and service as a Managing Director and Regional Executive of US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, has afforded to Ms. Preston the opportunity to provide financial oversight and strategic leadership and direction to those organizations. As Treasurer of Alex. Brown Incorporated, Ms. Preston provided direction in the development of a collateral management system for margin loan management, and her role at US Trust includes responsibility for the management of compliance and risk at the Private Wealth Management group for over \$20 billion of assets under management at that organization. Ms. Preston has a well-developed experience in mergers and acquisitions, and the integration of acquired businesses, in consequence of her work, first at Alex. Brown as a Merger & Acquisition Manager, and subsequent work on the integration of the Bankers Trust Company and Alex. Brown businesses into Deutsche Bank, and the integration of Merrill Lynch operations into the Bank of America Private Wealth Management platform.

George A. Roche

Mr. Roche's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) a high level of financial literacy, (iii) strategic leadership in a large, complex, organization, and (iv) experience in aligning executive compensation with organizational strategy and performance. Mr. Roche served as the Chairman and President of T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. from 1997 through 2006, and as the Chief Financial Officer of that organization from 1984 to 1997. As Chairman and President, he provided strategic leadership for the company on a global basis; as Chief Financial Officer, he provided direction and oversight on the financial reporting process, internal controls, and application of accounting principles. Mr. Roche's financial literacy includes a well developed understanding of world financial markets and economic trends, and an extensive knowledge of institutional and retail stock investors. As Chief Financial Officer of T. Rowe Price Group he served on the compensation committee where he assisted in aligning executive compensation with organizational strategy and performance. As President of T. Rowe Price Group, Mr. Roche was responsible for aligning executive compensation of senior executives to company strategy. Mr. Roche was also highly involved in joint venture and acquisition activities of T. Rowe Price – both from the perspective of senior management and that of an investor while serving as the manager of one of that organization's mutual funds.

Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.

Mr. Stetz's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) a detailed knowledge of the food industry, (iii) strategic leadership of a large, complex, organization, (iv) a high level of financial literacy, and (v) extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Stetz serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. In that role, Mr. Stetz has oversight responsibility for all aspects of the finance function, including financial reporting, accounting, internal controls and financial systems, the identification of enterprise risks, capital planning, and the performance of the organization's public accountants. He has also served in a variety of other roles within the Company, thereby gaining an understanding of the different facets of the Company's operations and the food industry generally. Prior to assuming his present duties, Mr. Stetz was (a) Vice President–Acquisitions and Financial Planning (1998 to 2002), (b) Vice President – Finance and Administration at the Company's U.S. Consumer Products Division (2002 to 2005), and (c) Chief Financial Officer & Vice President–Finance for the Europe, Middle East, and Africa region (2005 to 2007). In these various roles, Mr. Stetz developed a broad knowledge of the Company's business, markets and customers – both in the United States and internationally.

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William E. Stevens

Mr. Stevens' qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) a high level of financial literacy, (iii) strategic leadership in a large, complex, organization, and (iv) experience in aligning executive compensation with organizational strategy and performance. Mr. Stevens' business experience includes service as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Chromalloy American Corporation (1982 – 1985); Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Black & Decker Corporation (1986 to 1988); President and Chief Executive Officer of United Industries Corp. (1989 to 1996); and service with private equity investment firms, including BBI Group where he has served as Chairman from 2000 to the present time. In these roles, he has had a broad exposure to international businesses, consumer products marketing, strategy formulation and implementation, and strategic restructuring turnarounds. At The Black & Decker Corporation, he provided financial oversight, and was responsible for financial reporting and the development and maintenance of internal controls. His experience in aligning executive compensation and incentives with organizational strategy and performance has been further refined through his service as Chair of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors at McCormick, and as a former member of the compensation committee of the board of directors at The Earthgrains Company.

Alan D. Wilson

Mr. Wilson's qualifications include (i) senior executive experience at a publicly traded multinational company, (ii) consumer marketing experience, (iii) a detailed knowledge of the food industry, (iv) general management experience in international operations, and (v) strategic leadership of a large, complex, organization. Mr. Wilson serves as the Chairman (since 2009), President (since 2007), and Chief Executive Officer (since 2008) of McCormick. He has also served in a variety of other roles with the Company, thereby gaining an understanding of the different facets of the Company's operations and the food industry. Prior to assuming his present duties, Mr. Wilson was (a) responsible for the Company's supply chain (1993 to 1996), (b) President of the Company's Tubed Products' plastic tubes business (1996 to 1998), which was sold in 2003, (c) President of the McCormick Canada consumer and industrial products business (from 1998 to 2001), (d) Vice President and General Manager – Sales & Marketing of the Company's U.S. Consumer Products Division (from 2001 to 2003), (e) President of the Company's U.S. Consumer Foods group (2003 to 2005), and (f) President of the Company's North American Consumer Foods group and Supply Chain (from 2005 to 2006). Prior to joining McCormick, Mr. Wilson worked for nine years at Procter & Gamble. In these various roles, Mr. Wilson developed a broad knowledge of the Company's markets – both domestic and foreign, and consumer and industrial - and had senior level responsibility for strategic planning and leadership with respect to these businesses. In his present role, Mr. Wilson is responsible for the strategic leadership of the Company. He has extensive knowledge of consumer goods marketing in general, with a specific knowledge of the business, markets, and customers within the food industry in particular, and has hands-on experience in directing the day-to-day operations of our large, multi-faceted, consumer and industrial foods business.

Board Leadership

The Company's Board is led by our Chairman, Alan D. Wilson, who is also the Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors believes that the Company is and has been well served by this combined structure. Such a structure acts as a bridge between management and the Board, thus helping to ensure that both act with commonality of purpose and allowing efficient communication between them. The Board believes that the CEO is best able to bring key business issues and stockholder interests to the Board's attention, given his in-depth understanding of the Company. As well, the combined structure helps ensure accountability for the actions and strategic direction of the Company. Combining the roles also ensures that the Company presents its message and strategy to stockholders, employees and customers with a unified voice.

The Board has appointed a Lead Director. The independent directors, meeting in executive session in November 2009, selected Michael D. Mangan to serve as the Lead Director, and he continues to act in that role. The duties of the Lead Director are to (i) preside at executive sessions of the Board, and brief the CEO, as needed, following such sessions; (ii) preside at meetings of the Board where the Chairman is not present; (iii) call meetings of the independent directors; (iv) provide input on Board agendas and meeting schedules; (v) provide feedback to the Chairman on the quality of information received from management; and (vi) participate with the Chairman and the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee in interviewing Board candidates. The Lead Director position has a two-year term (subject to being re-elected to the Board of Directors by the stockholders).

The Board believes that the combined Chairman and CEO structure, coupled with an independent Lead Director, the use of regular executive sessions of the non-management Directors, and the substantial majority of independent directors comprising the Board, allows the Board to maintain effective oversight of the Company.

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Board Committees

The Board of Directors has appointed the following Board Committees:

Audit Committee

The Charter of the Audit Committee provides that the Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to:

- the integrity of McCormick’s financial statements, the financial reporting process, and the systems of internal accounting and financial controls;
- the performance of McCormick’s internal audit function;
- the appointment, engagement and performance of McCormick’s independent registered public accounting firm and the evaluation of the independent registered public accounting firm’s qualifications and independence;
- compliance with McCormick’s business ethics and confidential information policies and legal and regulatory requirements, including McCormick’s disclosure controls and procedures; and
- the evaluation of enterprise risk management issues.

In so doing, it is the responsibility of the Audit Committee to maintain free and open communication between the Committee, the independent registered public accounting firm, the internal auditors, and management of McCormick and to resolve any disagreements between management and the independent registered public accounting firm regarding financial reporting. The Committee also performs other duties and responsibilities set forth in a written Charter approved by the Board of Directors. The Charter of the Audit Committee is available on McCormick’s Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under “Corporate Governance,” then “Board Committees – Descriptions & Charters.”

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors have determined that all members of the Audit Committee satisfy the independence requirements of the NYSE’s Listing Standards, the rules of the SEC, and McCormick’s Corporate Governance Guidelines. No member of the Audit Committee serves on the audit committees of more than three public companies. The Board of Directors has also determined that all committee members qualify as “audit committee financial experts” under SEC rules.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee has the following principal duties and responsibilities:

- review McCormick’s executive compensation policy and programs to ensure that they (i) effectively motivate the CEO and other executive officers to achieve our financial goals and strategic objectives; (ii) properly align the interests of these employees with the long-term interests of our stockholders; and (iii) are sufficiently competitive to attract and retain the executive resources necessary for the successful management of our businesses;
- review trends in executive compensation, oversee the development of new compensation plans (including performance-based, equity-based, and other incentive programs, as well as salary, bonus and deferred compensation arrangements) and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the Board regarding revisions to existing plans and/or approve revisions to such plans;
- annually review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to McCormick’s CEO and other executive officers, evaluate the performance of such individuals against those goals and objectives, and approve the compensation for such individuals;
- annually evaluate the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors; and
- review McCormick’s management succession plan for the CEO and other executive officers.

These duties and responsibilities are set forth in a written Charter approved by the Board of Directors which is available on McCormick’s Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under “Corporate Governance,” then “Board Committees – Descriptions & Charters.”

Pursuant to its Charter, the Committee has the authority to delegate certain of its responsibilities to a subcommittee; however, to date no such delegation has been made. The Committee has the authority to administer McCormick’s equity plans for the CEO and other executive officers. The Committee is responsible for all determinations with respect to participation, the form, amount and timing of any awards to be granted to any such participants, and the payment of any such awards.

All members of the Committee qualify as independent directors under McCormick’s Corporate Governance Guidelines and the NYSE’s Listing Standards, and as “non-employee directors” and “outside directors” for the purposes set forth in the Committee’s Charter.

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Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee assists the Board by:

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- developing and implementing corporate governance guidelines;
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- establishing criteria for the selection of nominees for election to the Board, and identifying and recommending qualified individuals to serve as members of the Board;
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- evaluating and making recommendations regarding the size and composition of the Board and its Committees (including making determinations concerning the composition of the Board and its Committees under the applicable requirements of the SEC and the NYSE); and
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- monitoring a process to assess the effectiveness of the Board and its Committees.

The Committee is also responsible for performing other duties and responsibilities set forth in a written Charter approved by the Board of Directors. The Charter of the Committee and McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on McCormick's Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under "Corporate Governance," then "Board Committees—Descriptions & Charters."

All members of the Committee qualify as independent directors under McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines and the NYSE Listing Standards.

Committee Membership and Meetings

The table below shows the current members of each of the Committees and the number of meetings held by each Committee in fiscal 2011.

Name	Audit	Compensation	Nominating/
			Corporate Governance
John P. Bilbrey		X	
James T. Brady	Chair		
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	X		
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III			Chair
Patricia Little	X		
Michael D. Mangan ⁽¹⁾	X		X

Margaret M.V. Preston			X
George A. Roche		X	
William E. Stevens		Chair	
Number of Committee Meetings Held in Fiscal 2011	9	7	4

(1) *Lead Director*

Director Attendance at Meetings

During fiscal 2011, there were six regular meetings of the Board, and one special meeting. Each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and each of the Board Committees on which he or she served.

Each year, the Annual Meeting of Stockholders is held on the same day as the Annual Meeting of the Board. Although there is no policy requiring Board members to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, all Board members are encouraged to attend and typically do so. All Board members attended last year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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Risk Oversight

The Board oversees the Company's risk management and risk mitigation processes at both the full Board and Board Committee levels. Senior management of the Company is responsible for the Company's day-to-day management of the risks facing the Company.

Board of Directors

The full Board assesses the Company's strategic direction and operational risks throughout the year. In addition, management annually provides the Board with an enterprise risk management ("ERM") review of the strategic risk issues and major trends that may impact business functions and the Company's overall risk profile, with recommendations for responsive action on ERM issues as needed. These plans and related risks are monitored throughout the year as part of the regular financial and performance reports given to the Board by management.

In addition to the formal compliance program, the Board encourages management to promote a corporate culture that incorporates risk management into the Company's corporate strategy and day-to-day business operations.

Audit Committee

The Board has designated the Audit Committee to take the lead in overseeing risk management and the Audit Committee makes regular reports to the Board regarding briefings by management and advisors as well as the Committee's own analysis and conclusions regarding the adequacy of the Company's risk management process.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee considers the relationship between the Company's compensation policies and practices for all employees and risk, including whether such policies and practices encourage imprudent risk taking, and/or would be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. In performing its responsibilities, the Committee receives regular reports on compensation matters and trends from the Committee's independent compensation consultant. In 2011, the Compensation Committee evaluated the current risk profile of our executive and broad-based compensation programs, as discussed further below in "Performance-Based Compensation and Risk." Additionally, the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant reviewed the Company's incentive plans (executive and broad-based) to determine if any practices might encourage excessive risk taking on the part of senior executives. The independent compensation consultant noted features of the Company's incentive plans (executive and broad-based) that mitigate risk, including the use of multiple measures in our annual and long-term incentive plans, Compensation Committee discretion in payment of incentives in the executive plans, use of various types of long-term incentives, payment caps, significant stock ownership guidelines, and our clawback policy. In light of these analyses, the Compensation Committee believes that the Company's compensation programs (executive and broad-based) provide multiple and effective safeguards to protect against undue risk.

Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee oversees risks related to corporate governance and Board composition. The Committee establishes criteria (for approval of the Board) for the selection of nominees for election to the Board, and reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations to the Board about its Committee structure and

operations to ensure a commitment to effective governance.

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Other Directorships

Certain individuals nominated for election to the Board of Directors hold, or have held in the past five years, directorships in other public companies:

Name	Current	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
John P. Bilbrey	• The Hershey Company	• The Hershey Company	—	—	—	—
James T. Brady	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.
	• T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	• T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	• T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	• T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	• T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	• T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
			• Nexcen Brands, Inc.	• Nexcen Brands, Inc.	• Nexcen Brands, Inc.	• Nexcen Brands, Inc.
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	—	—	• SPX Corporation	• SPX Corporation	• SPX Corporation	—
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	• Constellation Energy Group, Inc.
Patricia Little	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michael D. Mangan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Margaret M.V. Preston	—	—	—	—	—	—
George A. Roche	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	—	—	—	—	—	—

William E. Stevens	•	•	•	•	•	•
	MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.	MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.	MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.	MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.	MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.	MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc.
Alan D. Wilson	•	•	—	—	—	•
	MeadWestvaco Corporation	MeadWestvaco Corporation				Williams Scotsman, Inc.

Stock Ownership and Service on Other Boards

It is expected that each non-management director will acquire, within five years after his or her election to the Board, a number of shares having a value at least equal to four times the annual retainer paid to such member for service on the Board. The annual retainer was \$70,000 during 2011. Such ownership must thereafter be maintained while serving on the Board.

No director of the Company may serve on the boards of more than four other publicly traded companies while also serving on McCormick’s Board.

All nominees are currently in compliance with these Board membership requirements.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

No member of the Compensation Committee is, or during fiscal 2011 was, an officer or an employee of McCormick or any of its subsidiaries, and no Committee member has any interlocking or insider relationship with McCormick which is required to be reported under applicable rules and regulations of the SEC.

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Compensation of Directors*

The following table sets forth the compensation earned by the non-management directors for services rendered during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011:

Name	Fees Earned or			Total
	Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	
	(\$) ⁽¹⁾	(\$) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(\$) ⁽²⁾	(\$)
John P. Bilbrey	79,250	87,809	39,950	207,009
James T. Brady	97,250	87,809	39,950	225,009
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	79,250	87,809	39,950	207,009
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III	89,750	87,809	39,950	217,509
Patricia Little	82,250	87,809	39,950	210,009
Michael D. Mangan	103,250	87,809	39,950	231,009
Margaret M.V. Preston	74,750	87,809	39,950	202,509
George A. Roche	79,250	87,809	39,950	207,009
William E. Stevens	94,250	87,809	39,950	222,009

* Alan D. Wilson, Chairman, President, & Chief Executive Officer, and Gordon M. Stetz, Jr., Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, are members of the Board of Directors and are also executive officers of the Company. Mr. Wilson's and Mr. Stetz's compensation is set forth below under "Compensation of Executive Officers."

(1) Amounts shown include fees deferred at the election of the director as follows:
Dr. Hrabowski – \$89,750 and Mr. Bilbrey – \$17,750.

(2) Amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair values computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 for each director. Awards include grants of RSUs and stock options under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan. For a discussion of the assumptions used in determining these values, see Note 9 to our 2011 audited financial statements and Note 10 to our 2010 audited financial statements.

(3) Amounts shown include RSUs granted in 2011 and deferred at the election of the following director: Dr. Hrabowski (see "Narrative to the Director Compensation Tables" below).

Options and RSUs

The following chart sets forth the number of exercisable and unexercisable options (exercisable for Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting, as indicated) and unvested RSUs held by each non-management director as of November 30, 2011:

Name	Exercisable Options		Unexercisable Options		Unvested RSUs	
	Common	Common Stock	Common	Common Stock	Common	Common Stock
	Stock	Non-Voting	Stock	Non-Voting	Stock	Non-Voting
John P. Bilbrey	16,250	8,750	5,000	-	1,899	-
James T. Brady	15,000	10,000	5,000	-	1,899	-
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	23,750	16,250	5,000	-	1,899	-
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III	26,250	18,750	5,000	-	1,899	-
Patricia Little	3,750	1,250	5,000	-	1,899	-
Michael D. Mangan	13,750	6,250	5,000	-	1,899	-
Margaret M.V. Preston	21,250	13,750	5,000	-	1,899	-
George A. Roche	13,750	6,250	5,000	-	1,899	-
William E. Stevens	15,000	10,000	5,000	-	1,899	-

Narrative to the Director Compensation Tables

Directors who are employees of McCormick do not receive any fees for their service as a director.

The cash components of non-management director compensation are: (i) an annual retainer of \$70,000, paid in equal quarterly installments (the first quarterly installment upon election to the Board is paid in Common Stock; subsequent quarterly payments are paid in cash), (ii) a meeting fee of \$1,500 for each Board Committee meeting attended, and (iii) for directors who serve as the Lead Director or as Board Committee chairs, an additional annual retainer of \$15,000 in cash (paid in equal quarterly installments).

Pursuant to the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, non-management directors receive an annual option grant of 5,000 shares of common stock. The shares subject to these options vest in full on March 15 of the year following the grant date, provided that the director continues to serve on the Board until such date. Non-management directors also receive an annual RSU grant equal in value to \$90,000. The RSUs vest in full on March 15 of the year following the grant date, provided that the director continues to serve on the Board until such date. All stock options and RSUs granted become fully exercisable in the event of disability or death of the participant, or a change in control of McCormick.

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Directors are eligible to participate in the McCormick Deferred Compensation Plan. Pursuant to this plan, directors may elect to defer anywhere from 10% to 100% of their cash Board fees. McCormick makes no contributions to the Deferred Compensation Plan. For all plan participants, including directors, the deferred amounts are recorded in a notional deferred compensation account and change in value based upon the gains and losses of benchmark fund alternatives (one of which is McCormick stock). Plan participants may generally elect to change their fund choices at any time (there are certain restrictions applicable to participants subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act). Director participants may elect the deferred amounts plus earnings to be distributed either six months following retirement from the Board or on an interim distribution date. Distributions upon a director's retirement from the Board are paid in either a lump-sum or in 5 year, 10 year, 15 year or 20 year installments, based on the director's distribution election made at the time of the deferral. Interim distributions are paid on a lump-sum basis and the distribution date must be at least four years from the date of the deferral election. If a director leaves the Board prior to the interim distribution date, then his or her plan balance will be paid as either a lump sum distribution or as indicated in the retirement distribution election. Participants may make a change to their distribution election subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Prior to the grant of RSUs, directors may elect to defer receipt of the underlying common stock upon vesting. If the director so elects, the director will not be considered the owner of the underlying common stock and will not receive voting rights or dividends on the stock until the deferral period expires, which is a date specified by the director or six months after the director's retirement from the Board. At the expiration of the deferral period, the director becomes the owner of the underlying common stock.

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The persons listed in the following table have been nominated by the Board for election as directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. Management has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unavailable for election. In the event a nominee is unable to serve on the Board, or will not serve for good cause, the proxy holders will have discretionary authority for the election of any person to the office of such nominee. Alternatively, the Board may elect to reduce the size of the Board.

The following table shows the names and ages of all nominees, the principal occupation and business experience of each nominee during the last five years, the year in which each nominee was first elected to the Board, and, as of December 30, 2011, the amount of McCormick stock beneficially owned by each nominee, and the directors and executive officers of McCormick as a group, and the nature of such ownership. Except as shown in the table or footnotes, no nominee or executive officer owns more than 1% of either class of McCormick common stock.

Required Vote of Stockholders

The affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast by holders of the shares of Common Stock present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present is required for the election of each nominee.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR each of the nominees listed below.

DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Name	Principal Occupation & Business Experience	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership⁽¹⁾	
		Common	Non-Voting
John P. Bilbrey	President and Chief Executive Officer (2011 to present), Executive Vice President,	31,123	11,117
Age 55	President,	22,599 ⁽²⁾	10,867 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 2005	Chief Operating Officer (2010 to 2011), Senior Vice President (2003 to 2010), The Hershey Company; President of Hershey North America (2007 to 2010); President of Hershey International (2003 to 2007)		
James T. Brady	Managing Director – Mid-Atlantic, Ballantrae International, Ltd. (1999 to	27,663	15,482

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Age 71	present)	17,967 ⁽²⁾	10,989 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 1998			
J. Michael Fitzpatrick	Chairman (2007 to present), Chief Executive Officer (2007 to 2010),	44,178	19,934
		25,250 ⁽²⁾	16,750 ⁽²⁾
Age 65	Citadel Plastics Holdings, Inc.; Retired Executive (2005 to 2007)		
Year First Elected 2001			
Freeman A. Hrabowski, III	President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (1992 to present)	56,679	32,056
		32,599 ⁽²⁾	20,867 ⁽²⁾
Age 61			
Year First Elected 1997			
Patricia Little	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Kelly Services, Inc. (2008 to present); General Auditor (2006 to 2008), Director, Global Accounting (2002 to 2008), Ford Motor Company.	5,521	1,745
Age 51		3,750 ⁽²⁾	1,250 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 2010			
Michael D. Mangan	Retired Executive (2010 to present); President, Worldwide Power Tools and Accessories, The Black & Decker Corporation (2008 to 2010); Senior Vice President,	20,099	8,367
Age 55		13,750 ⁽²⁾	6,250 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 2007			
	Chief Financial Officer, The Black & Decker Corporation (2000 to 2008)		
Margaret M.V. Preston	Managing Director (2008 to present); Regional Executive (2009 to present);	37,897	16,117
		23,484 ⁽²⁾	14,495 ⁽²⁾
Age 54	Senior Vice President (2006 to 2008); Market Executive (2006 to 2008);		
Year First Elected 2003	US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management		
George A. Roche	Retired Executive & Senior Adviser (2007 to present); Chairman & President,	20,099	8,367
Age 70		13,750 ⁽²⁾	6,250 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 2007	(1997 to 2006) T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.		
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer (2007 to present); Chief	63,086	13,138

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Age 51	Financial Officer & Vice President – Finance, Europe, Middle East & Africa	21,187 ⁽²⁾	11,032 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 2011	(2005 to 2007)		
William E. Stevens	Chairman, BBI Group (2000 to present)	41,819	38,767
Age 69		15,000 ⁽²⁾	10,000 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 1988			
Alan D. Wilson	Chairman (2009 to present); President & Chief Executive Officer (2008 to present); President & Chief Operating Officer (2007); President, North American Consumer Foods & Supply Chain (2005 to 2006)	395,385 ⁽³⁾	91,873
Age 54		253,802 ⁽²⁾	84,600 ⁽²⁾
Year First Elected 2007		(3.1)%	
Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (18 persons)		1,420,628	398,888
		789,639 ⁽²⁾	317,665 ⁽²⁾
		(10.7)%	

(1) Includes (i) shares of Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting beneficially owned by directors and executive officers alone or jointly with spouses, minor children, and relatives (if any) who have the same home as the director or executive officer; (ii) shares of Common Stock which are beneficially owned by virtue of participation in the McCormick 401(k) Retirement Plan: Mr. Wilson – 9,772, Mr. Stetz – 1,099, executive officers as a group – 31,268; and (iii) shares of Common Stock which are beneficially owned by virtue of participation in the Deferred Compensation Plan: Mr. Bilbrey – 7,199; Dr. Fitzpatrick – 7,640; Dr. Hrabowski – 9,574; Ms. Preston – 7,929; and Mr. Wilson – 990.

(2) Number of shares included in the above number which can be acquired within 60 days of December 30, 2011 pursuant to the exercise of stock options and/or the vesting of RSUs.

(3) Includes 28,830 shares of Common Stock held in a charitable trust for the Wilson Family Foundation. Mr. Wilson serves as a trustee of the trust. Also includes 16,000 shares of Common Stock held in the Wilson Family Trust. Mr. Wilson disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of each trust.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Named Executive Officers

The following table shows, as of December 30, 2011, the names, ages and positions of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table (the “Named Executive Officers”), the amount of Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting beneficially owned by each such executive officer, and the nature of such ownership. Except as shown in the table, no executive officer owns more than 1% of either class of McCormick common stock. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Stetz are also included in the director nominee table.

Name	Principal Position	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership ⁽¹⁾	
		Common	Non-Voting
Alan D. Wilson	Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer	395,385	91,873
Age 54		253,802 ⁽²⁾	84,600 ⁽²⁾
		(3.1)%	
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	63,086	13,138
Age 51		21,187 ⁽²⁾	11,032 ⁽²⁾
Lawrence E. Kurzius	President – McCormick International (2008 to present); President, Europe, Middle East & Africa (2007 to 2008); President, U.S. Consumer Foods (2005 to 2007)	157,221	38,661
Age 53		115,990 ⁽²⁾	38,661 ⁽²⁾
Charles T. Langmead	President – Industrial Foods Americas (2011 to present);	154,526	21,999
Age 54	President – U.S. Industrial Group (2005 to 2011)	66,002 ⁽²⁾	21,999 ⁽²⁾
Mark T. Timbie	President – Consumer Foods Americas & Chief Administrative Officer (2011 to present); President – North American Consumer Foods (2007 to 2011); President, International (2005 to 2007)	105,781	15,205
Age 57		12,244 ⁽²⁾	14,569 ⁽²⁾

(1) Includes: (i) shares of Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting beneficially owned by the executive officers alone or jointly with spouses, minor children and relatives (if any) who have the same home as the executive officer; (ii) shares of Common Stock which are beneficially owned by virtue of participation in the McCormick 401(k) Retirement Plan: Mr. Langmead -15,568; and (iii) shares of Common Stock which are beneficially owned by virtue of participation in the Deferred Compensation Plan: Mr. Langmead – 1,432.

(2) Number of shares included in the above number which can be acquired within 60 days of December 30, 2011 pursuant to the exercise of stock options and/or the vesting of RSUs.

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COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

The purpose of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A) is to provide stockholders with a description of the material elements of McCormick's compensation program for its executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, for fiscal 2011 and the policies and objectives which support the program. The compensation details are reflected in the compensation tables and accompanying narratives which follow.

The CD&A is divided into the following sections:

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Executive Summary

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Principles of McCormick's Executive Compensation Policy

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Overview of Our Executive Compensation Program for Fiscal 2011

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How We Determined Executive Compensation for Fiscal 2011

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Elements of Executive Compensation

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Performance-Based Compensation and Risk

Executive Summary

The core principle of McCormick's executive compensation program continues to be pay for performance, and the framework of our executive compensation programs includes the governance features discussed below:

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McCormick's executive officers have no employment agreements.

- McCormick's Compensation Committee is comprised solely of independent directors.

- The Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant, Exequity L.L.P., is retained directly by the Committee and performs no consulting or other services for McCormick.

- The Compensation Committee's annual review and approval of McCormick's compensation strategy includes a review of compensation-related risk management. In this regard, the Compensation Committee reviews McCormick's executive compensation program (including base salary, annual performance-based incentive compensation, cash-based and equity-based long-term incentive programs, retirement plan, and personal benefits). The Committee does not believe that the compensation program creates risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on McCormick.

- Exequity L.L.P., the Compensation Committee's independent consultant, assessed the Company's compensation policies and practices in fiscal 2011 and concluded that they do not motivate imprudent risk taking.

McCormick's compensation program and related governance features are complemented by several specific elements designed to align McCormick's executive compensation with long-term stockholder interests, including:

- a compensation recoupment or "clawback" policy, as described below;

- share ownership guidelines for McCormick's executive officers, as described below;

- a Mid-Term Incentive Program in which a portion of an executive's incentive award under the Program (if earned) is now paid in the form of stock;

- a cap for executive officer bonus payouts under the annual performance-based incentive program; and

- prohibitions on executive officers engaging in speculative transactions in McCormick securities, such as short sales or an equivalent transaction involving Company stock.

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Principles of McCormick's Executive Compensation Policy

McCormick's compensation policy is based on the following principles:

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We must pay competitively – both as to the amount and type of compensation we offer – as compared to the “Market Group” companies listed below in order to attract and retain our executive talent.

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A substantial portion of each executive's total compensation should be performance-based and dependent on the achievement of financial performance goals over both the short and longer term.

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The financial performance goals should be drivers of stockholder value over the short and longer term, such as sales growth, earnings per share (EPS) and total stockholder return (TSR).

The compensation for McCormick's executive officers, including Mr. Wilson and the other Named Executive Officers, consists of the elements identified in the table below.

Overview of Our Executive Compensation Program for Fiscal 2011

During fiscal 2011, the primary elements of compensation earned by each of our Named Executive Officers consisted of base salary, an annual incentive cash bonus, long-term incentive compensation (in the form of cash-based and equity-based incentive awards), a limited number of personal benefits, and retirement earned under our qualified pension plan and supplemental executive retirement plan.

The Compensation Committee reviews and approves each element of compensation separately and, if necessary, makes adjustments to individual elements of compensation to achieve total targeted compensation that is competitive with our Market Group, with performance goals based on an analysis of our Peer Group, all as explained below. In its deliberations, the Committee reviews “tally sheet” information for each executive officer, including the Named Executive Officers. The tally sheets are updated annually and include the elements of compensation noted above, the total estimated payments upon retirement (including acceleration of in-the-money equity awards), and the total estimated payments upon involuntary termination from McCormick.

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OVERVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL 2011

	Element	Objective	Key Features
Annual Cash Compensation	Base Salary	Provide a competitive annual fixed level of cash compensation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted at the 50th percentile of our Market Group. • Represents about 30% of compensation mix for all Executive Officers as a group. • Adjustments are based on individual performance, internal equity, and pay relative to the Market Group.
	Annual Performance-Based Incentive Compensation	Motivate and reward executive contributions in producing annual financial results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cash compensation is targeted at the 50th percentile of the Market Group. • Annual incentive cash payments are based on a formula that includes EPS growth and, for business unit presidents, operating income growth, adjusted for working capital charges for their business units.
Long-Term Incentive Programs	Stock Options	Retain executive officers and align their interests with the stockholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total long-term incentive compensation is targeted at the 50th percentile of the Market Group's total long-term incentive compensation.

			•	Equity compensation is in the form of stock options (provides value to the executive only to the extent that the stock price appreciates).
			•	Stock options are 10 year non-qualified options that vest 25% per year over the first four years of the term.
	Mid-Term Incentive Program	Retain executives and align their compensation with the Company's key financial goals to drive stockholder value over time.	•	Awards based on the achievement of cumulative growth in net sales or EPS, and relative TSR as compared to our Peer Group over the three-year performance period.
			•	Annual grants of three-year overlapping cycles.
			•	Earned awards to be delivered in combination of cash and stock.
Retirement Benefits	Pension Plan & 401k Retirement Plan	Provide retirement income for employees.	•	Tax qualified defined benefit pension plan in which most of our US employees (including Named Executive Officers) are eligible to participate.
			•	Plan formula is based on age, years of service, and cash compensation.

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				The Company provides a match in the 401(k) plan of up to 4% of eligible compensation.
	Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan	Provide retirement income for eligible executives to replace a reasonable percentage of their annual pre-retirement income, and to encourage early retirement by such persons.	•	For executives who are age 50 and over, includes annual compensation over IRS limit and incentive bonus in the benefit calculation.
				•
				For certain executive officers, including Named Executive Officers, includes one additional month of service credit for each month worked between ages 55 and 60 (five year maximum).
	Deferred Compensation	Provide retirement savings to executives in a tax-efficient manner.	•	Participant can elect to defer up to 80% of salary and annual bonus in a non-qualified plan.
Personal Benefits	Automobile & Executive Benefit Allowances	Reimburse executive for transportation, financial planning and wellness expenses.	•	Fixed monthly amount, which is fully taxable to the recipient.
	Company Airplane	Available for use by executive officers to provide for security, confidentiality, and efficiency of travel time.	•	Any personal use of the Company airplane (such as spouse travel) is imputed as income to the executive.
				•
				The executive is fully responsible for all taxes on such imputed amount.

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How We Determined Executive Compensation for Fiscal 2011

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors administers the compensation program for McCormick's executive officers, including Mr. Wilson and the other Named Executive Officers. The Committee applies the executive compensation principles listed above to the compensation program for each individual. In determining the compensation of the Company's executive officers, the Committee is assisted by Exequity L.L.P., the independent compensation consultant retained by the Committee.

The Compensation Committee considered the following information in its evaluation of the compensation program for fiscal 2011:

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A total compensation review of a large number of other manufacturers of consumer goods listed below ("**Market Group**") provided by Exequity L.L.P.;

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A review of current and historic financial information, such as EPS, sales growth and TSR, of certain manufacturers of consumer food products listed below ("**Peer Group**"); and

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Recommendations by Mr. Wilson with respect to the compensation of each Named Executive Officer, other than himself, as discussed more fully below.

As well, the Compensation Committee considered the results of the advisory votes by stockholders on the "say-on-pay" proposal presented to stockholders at the March 30, 2011 Annual Meeting. As reported in the Company's Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 1, 2011, there was significant support by stockholders for the compensation program offered to the Company's Named Executive Officers. Accordingly, the Committee made no direct changes to the Company's executive compensation program as a result of the say-on-pay vote. For fiscal 2011, the Company's executive compensation program continued to focus on pay for performance, alignment of executive interests with those of McCormick's stockholders, and achieving balances between offering annual and long-term incentives without creating improper risks.

1. Annual Cash Compensation and Long-Term Incentives

Each year, including fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee compares the target total compensation being offered to McCormick's executive officers, including its Named Executive Officers, to the compensation being paid to individuals in similar positions at the below listed manufacturers of food and other non-durable consumer goods (our Market Group companies).

For fiscal 2011, the Market Group was comprised of the following companies:

Anheuser-Busch
Companies, Inc.

General Mills, Inc.

Molson Coors Brewing Company

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Avon Products, Inc.	H. J. Heinz Company	Nestlé Purina PetCare Company
Bush Brothers & Company	Hallmark Cards, Inc.	Nestlé USA
Campbell Soup Company	Hanesbrands Inc.	PepsiCo, Inc.
Cargill, Incorporated	The Hershey Company	The Procter & Gamble Company
The Clorox Company	Hormel Foods Corporation	Revlon, Inc.
The Coca-Cola Company	Kellogg Company	S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
Colgate-Palmolive Company	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Sara Lee Corporation
ConAgra Foods, Inc.	Kraft Foods Inc.	Schreiber Foods Inc.
Corn Products International, Inc.	Land O' Lakes, Inc.	The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company
Del Monte Foods Company	Levi Strauss & Co.	Tupperware Brands Corporation
Diageo North America, Inc.	Mars, Incorporated	Unilever United States, Inc.
Dole Food Company, Inc.	Mattel, Inc.	Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company

We believe these companies provide an appropriate comparison against which to measure the adequacy and suitability of our target compensation for executive officers because they are a likely source of executive talent for us, their executive positions are similar in scope, authority and impact to the positions occupied by our executives, and they operate within the same general industry as does McCormick. These companies range in sales and profits from lower to higher than McCormick, but the Compensation Committee's independent consultant employs regression analysis to predict the levels of compensation these Market Group companies would pay if they were McCormick's size. These size-adjusted data become the benchmarks against which the Compensation Committee measures the sufficiency and suitability of the pay being extended to McCormick's executives.

Annual cash compensation consists of an annual base salary and annual performance-based incentive bonus. McCormick targets annual cash compensation expenditures at the 50th percentile of the annual cash compensation practices in the Market Group companies. Long-term compensation expenditures (consisting of cash-based and equity-based incentive awards) also are targeted at the 50th percentile of the long-term incentive compensation values conveyed to executive officers at the Market Group companies.

During fiscal 2011, the aggregate value of the target total compensation opportunities (the sum of annual cash compensation and long-term incentive compensation) that McCormick extended to its team of executive officers was 1.1% above the 50th percentile of total target compensation levels offered to similarly positioned executives at the Market Group companies.

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Elements of Executive Compensation

(a)

Base Salaries: Adjustments to base salaries are considered annually, but there is no guarantee that base salary will increase in any given year. For fiscal 2011, base salaries for the Named Executive Officers were increased to reflect assessments of individual performance and to better align each incumbent's pay with market medians. In aggregate, following such increases, base salaries for all executive officers as a group were 0.6% below the 50th percentile level of the Market Group.

(b)

Annual Performance-Based Incentive Compensation: Performance goals for our annual incentive bonus program and our cash-based long-term incentive program were approved by the Compensation Committee based on its analysis of the performance of 19 companies that are members of the S&P 500 Food Products Group and the S&P 400 Food Products Group. McCormick considers these companies to be our Peer Group for purposes of our performance-based incentive plans because they are the companies against which we assess our financial results and with whom we compete for equity investors.

For fiscal 2011, our Peer Group comprised the following companies:

Campbell Soup Company	The Hershey Company	Ralcorp Holdings, Inc.
ConAgra Foods, Inc.	Hormel Foods Corporation	Sara Lee Corporation
Dean Foods Company	The J. M. Smucker Company	Smithfield Foods, Inc.
Flowers Foods, Inc.	Kellogg Company	Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.
General Mills, Inc.	Kraft Foods Inc.	Tyson Foods, Inc.
Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.	Lancaster Colony Corporation	
H. J. Heinz Company	Mead Johnson Nutrition Company	

Each Named Executive Officer's annual incentive bonus is based in whole or in part on McCormick's EPS growth. With respect to a Named Executive Officer directly responsible for a particular business unit, the annual bonus is also based in part on the achievement of certain operating income goals (adjusted by a charge for working capital) relating to that business unit.

In general, when setting annual incentive bonus goals, the Compensation Committee considers historic levels of EPS generated by the top performing Peer Group companies, upcoming year EPS estimates for these companies, and McCormick's own record of EPS growth. The Committee also evaluates, with Mr. Wilson's input, non-operational and/or non-recurring factors which may have affected the EPS results at McCormick and the Peer Group companies during the performance periods considered.

For annual incentive bonuses in fiscal 2011, the Committee developed an EPS goal with consideration for the median projected EPS growth rate for the Peer Group companies as a whole (5.7%) and for the top half of the Peer Group (8.1%). Utilizing this information, the Committee established the target EPS growth rate, as set forth in the following table.

The Compensation Committee determined that if McCormick were to achieve EPS growth in the range of 8% to 10%, an incentive bonus would be paid in an amount between approximately 120% and 150% of target. The Committee concluded it was appropriate to reward EPS performance in this range with a payment exceeding target in recognition of the difficulty of achieving an EPS goal which places McCormick among the highest performers in its Peer Group.

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More generally, for fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee established the following incentive bonus payment levels for EPS growth ranging from 0% to 13.6% or more:

	EPS Growth	Payout
Threshold	0%	0%
Target	6.8%	100%
Maximum	13.6% or more	200%

One of the performance metrics used in determining the fiscal 2011 incentive bonus for Messrs. Kurzius, Langmead and Timbie is business unit operating income (adjusted by a charge for working capital). The ability to meet or exceed this individual performance metric was considered at least as difficult as the overall Company achievement of its EPS growth performance metric. Business unit operating income targets, while quantifiable, are confidential commercial or financial information, the disclosure of which would cause competitive harm to the Company. The Compensation Committee evaluates the difficulty of achieving the business unit operating income targets established by the CEO. In this evaluation, the Committee considers both the historic performance of the business units for which Messrs. Kurzius, Langmead, and Timbie are responsible and the overall operating income targets established by management for the upcoming fiscal year. This evaluation is conducted with a view to driving stockholder value, paying our Named Executive Officers competitively, and rewarding superior financial performance. The measure of the difficulty of achieving business unit operating income targets is illustrated by the fact that the business units led by Messrs. Kurzius, Langmead, and Timbie have not uniformly achieved their operating income targets from year-to-year and also vary when compared to each other.

The Compensation Committee determined the actual fiscal 2011 incentive bonus for each Named Executive Officer using the factors set forth in the following table: (i) the performance metric and respective weight allocated to each metric, as applicable; and (ii) the target annual incentive bonus potential, as a percentage of base salary.

Name	Performance Metric	Target Incentive	Actual Incentive	
		Bonus as a % of Base Salary	Payout Factor %	Bonus as a % of Base Salary *
		A	B	C
Alan D. Wilson	100% - EPS Growth	110%	117%	129%
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	100% - EPS Growth	70%	117%	82%
Lawrence E. Kurzius	50% - Operating Income from businesses in Europe, Middle East, Africa, and the Asia/Pacific regions.			
	50% - EPS Growth	70%	113%	79%
Charles T. Langmead	50% - Operating Income from U.S. Industrial Group and Mexican industrial business.	70%	58%	41%

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(i)

Completed Cycle: For the three year award cycle beginning on December 1, 2008 and ending on November 30, 2011 (fiscal 2009-2011), the Compensation Committee approved the TSR metric and an EPS growth metric. EPS growth goals were used for this cycle to strengthen attention on continuous profit improvement and thereby enhance stockholder investment value. The EPS growth goals were based on an analysis of published EPS growth goals by our fiscal 2009 Peer Group companies together with the three-year EPS growth goals set forth in our strategic plan.

(ii)

Active Cycle: For the three year award cycle beginning on December 1, 2009 and ending on November 30, 2012 (fiscal 2010-2012), the Compensation Committee approved EPS growth and relative TSR metrics. EPS growth goals were used for this cycle to strengthen attention on continuous profit improvement and thereby enhance stockholder investment value. The EPS growth goals were based on an analysis of published EPS growth goals by our Peer Group companies together with three-year EPS growth goals set forth in our strategic plan for the three-year period.

(iii)

Active Cycle: For the three year award cycle beginning on December 1, 2010 and ending on November 30, 2013 (fiscal 2011-2013), the Compensation Committee approved the TSR Metric and a change from the EPS growth metric to a cumulative sales growth metric to achieve increased focus on sales growth, which is not a metric in the annual incentive program. Additionally, the Compensation Committee determined that the payment for achieving the sales growth metric should be made in stock rather than cash. The Committee felt that by doing so, the executive compensation alignment with stockholder interests would continue to be strengthened.

Cumulative TSR growth relative to the growth generated by the members of our Peer Group was considered an appropriate metric for these cycles because it is a clear and objective measurement of return for our stockholders, and its inclusion as a performance indicator ensures that the interests of plan participants remain aligned with those of our investors. The higher McCormick's TSR rank in relation to Peer Group returns, the bigger the cash award paid; the lower the TSR rank, the smaller the payment made.

Awards for these cycles, if any, are based on a combination of McCormick's achievement with respect to financial performance goals and TSR in relation to the returns exhibited by our Peer Group companies. For the cycles using EPS growth, both EPS growth and TSR must be achieved in order for the cash awards to be paid, and payout is based upon a matrix of the range of results for both factors. For the most recent active cycle, separate performance goals for cumulative sales growth and TSR were used rather than a matrix. The Committee determined that separate tracking of the two metrics would provide clearer, simpler focus on each. In addition, the Committee decided that the cumulative sales growth achievements would be paid in stock while the TSR achievements would be paid in cash.

The payment made in February 2012 to Named Executive Officers for the performance cycle ending November 30, 2011, is listed in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table below. At its January 2012 meeting, the Compensation Committee approved the payment to participants constituting 157% of target because of compounded three-year EPS growth of 34% and a TSR percentile rank of 53%. We are in the third year of the fiscal 2010-2012 three-year performance cycle and the second year of the fiscal 2011-2013 three-year performance cycle. If the established performance targets for these cycles are achieved, the related cash and equity awards will be paid no later than February 2013 and February 2014, respectively. As required by SEC rules, the portion of the fiscal 2011-2013 cycle (paragraph (iii) above) that may be paid in stock, if earned, is reflected in the Stock Awards column of the Summary Compensation Table below, even though it would not be paid until the end of the cycle.

For the three-year performance cycles completed in fiscal 2011 or currently in progress, the cumulative three-year sales growth or EPS growth and TSR thresholds and maximums are as follows:

	FY2009–2011 Performance Period	
	EPS Growth	TSR
Threshold	12.0%	30 th Percentile
Maximum	36.0%	90 th Percentile and above
Actual Performance	34.0%	53.0%
	FY2010–2012 Performance Period	
	EPS Growth	TSR
Threshold	12.0%	30 th Percentile
Maximum	33.0%	80 th Percentile and above
	FY2011–2013 Performance Period	
	Sales Growth	TSR
Threshold	6.0%	30 th Percentile
Maximum	17.0%	80 th Percentile and above

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(d)

Long-Term Equity Incentive Program: We offer long-term equity incentive compensation opportunities as well as mid-term incentives because we believe the combination provides an appropriately balanced focus on both mid-term and long-term stockholder value. Long-term awards are granted at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, which is held on the same day as our Annual Stockholders' Meeting. In fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee determined that the long-term awards for executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, should be 100% stock options, the same award format as had been granted in the previous year. The Compensation Committee decided to issue stock options because it believed that stock options provide the most direct and effective method for aligning the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders over the long-term. The exercise price of stock options is equal to the closing price of McCormick common stock on the date of grant. The number of option shares is determined by dividing the stock option cash value by the closing price of McCormick common stock on the date of grant and multiplying the result by a factor of five, which reflects the historic correlation between the Black-Scholes model for valuing of option shares and the market value of the shares. The number of options is then rounded to the closest 100.

The size of mid-term and long-term incentive awards is determined by reference to benchmark practices. Each executive officer is assigned an aggregate award value which, when combined with their salary and annual incentive, reflects the 50th percentile of the total compensation of comparably positioned officers of our Market Group companies. The mix of cash, and equity-based awards is determined each year by the Compensation Committee by reference to the typical blend of such awards in the Market Group.

Role of the Independent Compensation Consultant & Recommendations by the CEO

Independent Consultant: Pursuant to its Charter, the Committee has the sole authority to retain and terminate the services of any outside compensation consultants to the Committee. During fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee retained Exequity L.L.P. to provide advice to the Committee on general program design and best practices as well as to assist the Committee in determining the relationship between the programs and the levels of compensation paid to our executive officers and directors to the Peer Group companies identified above. Exequity L.L.P. reported directly to the Committee and neither Exequity L.L.P. nor any of its affiliates provide any other services to the Company, its management or executive officers. While Exequity L.L.P. performed the general competitive review, as requested by the Committee, Exequity L.L.P. did not determine the amount or form of compensation with respect to McCormick's executive officers.

CEO Recommendations: The compensation of every McCormick employee, including each Named Executive Officer, is influenced in large part by the responsibilities of the position and the need to ensure that employees having similar job responsibilities are paid equitably, with consideration for individual performance. During 2011, Mr. Wilson provided recommendations to the Compensation Committee with respect to the base salary amounts, performance targets for the annual, mid-term and long-term incentive programs, and any adjustments to the value of mid-term and long-term awards for each Named Executive Officer (other than himself). These recommendations were based on the Market Group data reviewed by the Committee and Mr. Wilson's assessment of the executive's relative experience, overall performance, and impact on the accomplishment of McCormick's financial goals and strategic objectives during the prior year. While the Compensation Committee took Mr. Wilson's recommendations under advisement, it independently evaluated the pay recommendations for each executive and made all final compensation decisions in accordance with its formal responsibilities as defined in its Charter. Mr. Wilson does not make any recommendations as to his own compensation and such decisions are made solely by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee determined Mr. Wilson's compensation, including base salary, performance targets and the value of the annual, mid-term and long-term awards privately in executive session. No other executive officer of

McCormick determined or recommended the amount or form of executive or director compensation to the Committee during fiscal 2011.

Share Ownership Guidelines for Executive Officers

We believe our executive officers should be invested in the success of the organization they lead, and thus the Compensation Committee adopted share ownership guidelines in 2004. In June 2011, the Committee reviewed our share ownership guidelines as compared to those of the Market Group companies. A majority of the Market Group companies set share ownership guidelines based on a multiple of base salary similar to ours. Based upon its review, the Committee concluded that no changes were necessary to the previously established guidelines, which are as follows:

	Multiple of Base Pay
Chief Executive Officer	5.0x
Executive Vice President and executive officers serving as Presidents of major business units	3.0x
Senior Vice President	2.0x
Vice President	1.6x

Shares owned by an executive officer include common stock allocated to the officer's 401(k) plan account as well as other shares which are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the officer, but do not include shares available under vested but unexercised options or unvested RSUs. All executive officers have five years from their appointment as an executive officer to meet these guidelines, and their stock ownership is reviewed annually by the Compensation Committee. Based on the closing price of the common stock on December 30, 2011, all of our Named Executive Officers satisfy the guidelines.

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2. Retirement Benefits and Personal Benefits

(a)

Retirement Benefits: We provide a tax-qualified defined benefit pension plan in which most of our U.S. employees are eligible to participate, including the Named Executive Officers. For employees hired prior to December 1, 2000, base salary only is included in the calculation of the pension benefit, while base salary and the annual incentive bonus are included in the calculation of the pension benefit for employees hired on or after December 1, 2000. Effective January 1, 2012, the pension plan was closed to new entrants; however, persons who were employees prior to January 1, 2012 will continue to accrue benefits under the pension plan in accordance with its existing terms, before and after January 1, 2012.

We also provide a supplemental executive retirement plan (“SERP”) for a limited number of senior management employees who are age 50 and older, including the Named Executive Officers. Providing a supplemental retirement benefit is consistent with comparable organizations and provides a significant retention benefit. The senior executive program contained in McCormick’s SERP provides the Named Executive Officers who are age 50 and older with a credit of one additional month of service for each month of service in the SERP between ages 55 and 60. For the Named Executive Officers hired before December 1, 2000, the SERP also includes a significant portion of the executives’ incentive bonuses in the calculation of the SERP pension benefit in recognition of the fact that a substantial portion of the total compensation for these executives is performance-based compensation, consistent with our compensation policy. For Named Executive Officers hired on or after December 1, 2000, the SERP is calculated by multiplying the benefit by a factor based upon the Named Executive Officer’s wage grade at the date of retirement. Cash-based long-term incentive awards and the value of equity-based long-term incentive awards are not included in the calculation of the SERP benefit.

(b)

Personal Benefits: The Named Executive Officers received a limited number of personal benefits, including a fixed car allowance and fixed executive benefit allowance for expenses associated with financial planning and wellness. These benefits make up a small portion of the total compensation of our Named Executive Officers and we believe the retention value of these benefits exceeds the cost of such benefits to McCormick. The Company does not provide tax gross-ups for personal benefits, such that these benefits are fully taxable to the recipient.

(c)

Company Airplane: McCormick maintains a Company airplane. It is preferred that the CEO and other executives, including the Named Executive Officers, use McCormick’s airplane whenever air travel is required for business purposes. This provides for a more efficient use of their time given the greater likelihood of direct flights and improved flight times than are available commercially. It also provides a more secure traveling environment where sensitive business issues may be discussed, and enhances personal security. Spouses, family and other guests generally may accompany the executive on the airplane when the executive is traveling. If the travel by the executive, spouse, family, or guest does not meet the United States Internal Revenue Service standard for business use, the cost of that travel is imputed as income to the executive and the executive is fully responsible for any associated tax liability. To the extent any travel on the airplane results in imputed income to the Named Executive Officer, the Company does not provide gross-up payments to cover the Named Executive Officer’s personal income tax obligation due to such imputed income. The Company does not incur any incremental out-of-pocket costs when additional passengers accompany an executive on the Company airplane.

For additional information on the above personal benefits, see the “All Other Compensation” column and related footnotes to the Summary Compensation Table.

Performance-Based Compensation and Risk

The Compensation Committee considers risk as well as motivation when establishing performance criteria. During fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee engaged in a process of reviewing all of the Company’s incentive compensation plans to determine whether the Company’s compensation policies and practices foster risk taking above the level of risk associated with the Company’s business model. In the course of its examination, the Committee evaluated:

- The balance of performance and the quality and sustainability of performance;
- The mix between annual, mid-term and long-term incentives;
- The relationship between performance criteria for annual, mid-term and long-term incentive awards;
- Competitive practices;
- Share retention requirements; and
- Clawback provisions.

On the basis of this review, the Compensation Committee determined that the Company’s incentive compensation plans are appropriately structured and do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

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Clawback Provisions

McCormick's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), which was approved by stockholders at the April 2, 2008 Annual Meeting, outlines circumstances under which share-based and cash-based awards made under that plan may be forfeited, annulled, and/or reimbursed to McCormick. Such circumstances include: a forfeiture of the gain realized by a participating employee on account of actions taken by the employee in violation of the award agreements issued under the Omnibus Plan, and/or a finding by the Compensation Committee that a participating employee has been terminated for cause ("cause" means, as determined by the Compensation Committee, (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct in connection with the performance of duties; (ii) conviction of a criminal offense (other than minor traffic offenses); or (iii) material breach of any term of those agreements between the participant and McCormick or an affiliate, as specified in the Omnibus Plan).

Furthermore, if McCormick is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of McCormick, as a result of misconduct, with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, then (i) the individuals subject to automatic forfeiture under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and (ii) any participant who (a) knowingly engaged in the misconduct, (b) was grossly negligent in engaging in the misconduct, (c) knowingly failed to prevent the misconduct, or (d) was grossly negligent in failing to prevent the misconduct, is required to reimburse McCormick the amount of any payment in settlement of an award earned or accrued under the Omnibus Plan during the twelve month period following the public issuance or Exchange Act filing (whichever first occurred) of the financial document that contained such material noncompliance.

Performance-Based Compensation – Section 162(m)

The Compensation Committee annually reviews and considers the deductibility of the compensation paid to our executive officers, which includes each of the Named Executive Officers, under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Pursuant to Section 162(m), compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1,000,000 is not deductible unless it qualifies as "performance-based compensation." The Committee endeavors to structure the executive compensation program so that each executive's compensation will generally be fully deductible. The compensation paid pursuant to our cash-based annual and our mid-term and long-term incentive programs generally qualifies as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of Section 162(m). Base salaries and vesting of RSU grants do not qualify as "performance-based compensation" pursuant to the requirements of Section 162(m). From time to time, the Committee may approve compensation that exceeds the \$1,000,000 limitation under Section 162(m) in order to provide competitive levels of total compensation for our executive officers.

For fiscal 2011, compensation for Mr. Wilson exceeded the Section 162(m) limitation due primarily to base salary.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management and, based on these reviews and discussions, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in McCormick's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 and in this proxy statement.

Submitted by: **Compensation Committee**
William E. Stevens, Chairman

John P. Bilbrey

George A. Roche

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Executive Compensation Tables

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the compensation earned during the applicable fiscal year by our CEO and CFO during fiscal 2011, and each of the other three most highly compensated executive officers of McCormick who were executive officers as of the end of fiscal 2011.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified						Total	
		Salary	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	Non-Equity	Deferred		All Other Compensation
						Earnings			
		(\$) ⁽¹⁾	(\$)	(\$) ⁽³⁾	(\$) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	(\$) ⁽⁵⁾	(\$) ⁽⁶⁾	(\$)	
Alan D. Wilson Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	2011	992,050	750,000 ⁽²⁾	1,685,890	3,167,700	1,118,536	55,800	7,769,976	
	2010	910,308	-	1,612,672	2,896,541	874,420	55,800	6,349,741	
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr. Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2009	836,245	-	1,517,544	1,647,761	1,151,522	60,961	5,214,033	
	2011	463,640	175,000 ⁽²⁾	355,555	933,443	433,996	55,800	2,417,434	
	2010	446,769	-	340,560	798,984	825,403	55,800	2,467,516	
Lawrence E. Kurzius President, McCormick International	2009	409,441	-	320,040	475,935	128,976	48,695	1,383,087	
	2011	481,279	212,500 ⁽²⁾	469,812	1,050,206	174,753	55,800	2,444,350	
	2010	469,424	-	449,264	862,428	66,871	55,800	1,903,787	
Charles T. Langmead President,	2009	457,620	-	422,856	282,316	155,476	54,450	1,372,718	
	2011	437,050	175,000 ⁽²⁾	355,555	731,416	383,723	56,200 ⁽⁷⁾	2,138,944	
	2010	420,000	-	340,560	795,182	406,234	56,190 ⁽⁷⁾	2,018,166	
	2009	378,766	-	320,040	220,148	604,772	52,311 ⁽⁷⁾	1,576,037	

Industrial Foods
Americas

Mark T. Timbie	2011	506,104	212,500 ⁽²⁾	469,812	1,058,879	550,523	55,800	2,853,618
	2010	491,288	-	449,264	791,053	879,996	55,800	2,667,401
President, Consumer Foods Americas and Chief Administrative Officer	2009	473,841	-	422,856	531,162	780,829	59,331	2,268,019

(1) The Salary and Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation columns include amounts deferred at the election of the Named Executive Officer. For more information on the amount of cash compensation deferred for each Named Executive Officer during fiscal 2011, see the “Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table” below.

(2) Before 2011, awards under the Mid-term Incentive Program (MTIP) were made in cash only and, if earned, were shown in the column on “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” at the end of the three-year cycle. For 2011, the Compensation Committee determined that MTIP awards would be 50% cash and 50% equity. We are required to report the equity portion of the award at the beginning of the MTIP cycle, even though it would not be paid until the end of the cycle. The amounts shown assume performance at target. The cash portion of the award is not reported until the end of the cycle. Both the cash and equity portions of the award are paid only if performance conditions are met, and the final payment amount, if any is earned, will range from 0 to 200% of the stated target. Refer to the “Grants of Plan-Based Awards” table below for the threshold, target, and maximum amounts that can be earned. Amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 related to the equity component of the FY2011 - FY2013 MTIP cycle.

(3) Amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 with respect to each fiscal year for each Named Executive Officer related to grants of stock options pursuant to our 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(4) Amounts shown represent the cash awards earned by the Named Executive Officer under our Annual Performance-Based Incentive Compensation Plan for each performance period. For further information, see the “Grants of Plan-Based Awards” table and accompanying footnotes below. Amounts for fiscal 2010 and 2011 also include cash awards paid to participants for two three-year MTIP cycles, one beginning on December 1, 2007 and ending on November 30, 2010, and the other beginning on December 1, 2008 and ending on November 30, 2011.

(5) Amounts for fiscal 2011 represent the actuarially-determined pro-rated aggregate change in the Named Executive Officer’s accumulated benefit under our defined benefit pension plan and SERP from the pension plan measurement date used for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011 (i.e., November 30, 2010 to November 30, 2011).

(6) In fiscal 2011, each Named Executive Officer received a \$22,000 executive auto allowance and a \$24,000 executive benefit allowance. Each also received \$9,800 in matching funds under the McCormick 401(k) plan.

(7) As do all other U.S. employees who achieve 30 years of service, Mr. Langmead received a \$400 long-term service award.

Narrative to the Summary Compensation Table

McCormick does not maintain any employment agreements or arrangements with the Named Executive Officers or other executive officers. In addition, dividends are not accrued or paid on unexercised options. The Company does not provide tax gross-ups for personal benefits or for use of the Company airplane by Named Executive Officers.

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Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth the grants of plan-based awards by McCormick during fiscal 2011.

Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options	Equity Awards: Exercise Price of Option and
	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum	(#)	(#) ⁽⁵⁾	(\$/Sh) ⁽⁶⁾
-	0.00	1,100,000 ⁽¹⁾	2,200,000 ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/1/2010	187,500 ⁽²⁾	750,000 ⁽²⁾	1,500,000 ⁽²⁾	4,217 ⁽⁴⁾	16,866 ⁽⁴⁾	33,732 ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-
3/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211,000	47.40
-	0.00	329,000 ⁽¹⁾	822,500 ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/1/2010	43,750 ⁽²⁾	175,000 ⁽²⁾	350,000 ⁽²⁾	984 ⁽⁴⁾	3,936 ⁽⁴⁾	7,872 ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-
3/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,500	47.40
-	0.00	339,500 ⁽¹⁾	848,750 ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/1/2010	53,125 ⁽²⁾	212,500 ⁽²⁾	425,000 ⁽²⁾	1,195 ⁽⁴⁾	4,779 ⁽⁴⁾	9,558 ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-
3/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,800	47.40
-	0.00	311,500 ⁽¹⁾	778,750 ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/1/2010	43,750 ⁽²⁾	175,000 ⁽²⁾	350,000 ⁽²⁾	984 ⁽⁴⁾	3,936 ⁽⁴⁾	7,872 ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-
3/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,500	47.40
-	0.00	357,000 ⁽¹⁾	892,500 ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/1/2010	53,125 ⁽²⁾	212,500 ⁽²⁾	425,000 ⁽²⁾	1,195 ⁽⁴⁾	4,779 ⁽⁴⁾	9,558 ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-
3/30/2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,800	47.40

Amounts shown represent the target and maximum amounts that could have been earned for fiscal 2011 by each Named Executive Officer under the Performance-Based Incentive Compensation Plan. The actual amounts earned by each Named Executive Officer are included in the fiscal 2011 "Performance-Based Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table above.

Amounts shown represent the threshold, target and maximum amount that could be earned under the cash component of our Mid-term Incentive Plan for the three year performance period which began December 1, 2010.

There is no guaranteed payment amount.

Amounts represent the threshold, target and maximum amount (in shares) that could be earned under the stock component of our Mid-term Incentive Program, for the three year performance period which began December 1, 2010. Amounts shown represent the grant date fair value of the award per share of \$44.47 (the average of the high and low market price of our Common Stock Non-Voting on the grant date).

Amounts shown include awards of stock options under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan. These stock options vest based upon the executive's continued services to McCormick and will vest in equal installments over four years (subject to certain acceleration provisions, as discussed under "Special Payments upon Termination or Change in Control" below).

The exercise price of the stock options is equal to the closing price of the common stock on the date of the grant.

Amounts shown represent the grant date fair value of each equity award granted during fiscal 2011 for each Named Executive Officer.

Amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 related to the equity component of the 2011-FY2013 Mid-term Incentive Program cycle based on the target amount payable if the performance conditions are met.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth the outstanding equity awards held by each Named Executive Officer as of November 30, 2011.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercisable Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#) ⁽⁵⁾	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽⁶⁾
Alan D. Wilson	0	211,000 ⁽¹⁾	47.40	3/29/2021		
	58,600	175,800 ⁽²⁾	38.39	3/30/2020		
	150,551	150,549 ⁽³⁾	29.89	3/24/2019		
	76,351	25,449 ⁽⁴⁾	37.59	4/01/2018		
	52,900	0	38.28	3/27/2017		
					16,866	821,374
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	0	44,500 ⁽¹⁾	47.40	3/29/2021		
	12,375	37,125 ⁽²⁾	38.39	3/30/2020		
	19,844	31,749 ⁽³⁾	29.89	3/24/2019		
	0	6,325 ⁽⁴⁾	37.59	4/01/2018		
					3,936	191,683
Lawrence E. Kurzius	0	58,800 ⁽¹⁾	47.40	3/29/2021		
	16,325	48,975 ⁽²⁾	38.39	3/30/2020		
	41,951	41,949 ⁽³⁾	29.89	3/24/2019		
	18,975	6,325 ⁽⁴⁾	37.59	4/01/2018		

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	24,900	0	38.28	3/27/2017		
	29,100	0	32.83	2/27/2016		
	23,400	0	38.35	1/24/2015		
					4,779	232,737
Charles T. Langmead	0	44,500 ⁽¹⁾	47.40	3/29/2021		
	12,375	37,125 ⁽²⁾	38.39	3/30/2020		
	31,751	31,749 ⁽³⁾	29.89	3/24/2019		
	18,975	6,325 ⁽⁴⁾	37.59	4/01/2018		
	24,900	0	38.28	3/27/2017		
					3,936	191,683
Mark T. Timbie	0	58,800 ⁽¹⁾	47.40	3/29/2021		
	16,325	48,975 ⁽²⁾	38.39	3/30/2020		
	10,488	41,949 ⁽³⁾	29.89	3/24/2019		
	0	8,325 ⁽⁴⁾	37.59	4/01/2018		
					4,779	232,737

(1) The remaining unvested stock options will vest in equal increments on March 30 of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

(2) The remaining unvested stock options will vest in equal increments on March 31 of 2012, 2013 and 2014.

(3) The remaining unvested stock options will vest in equal increments on March 25 of 2012 and 2013.

(4) The remaining unvested stock options will vest in equal increments on April 2 of 2012.

(5) Represents the target amount of the equity component of the FY2011-FY2013 Mid-term Incentive Program cycle that may result in equity awards if the performance conditions are met.

(6) In accordance with SEC rules, the amount shown in the table is based on the closing market price of our Common Stock Non-Voting on November 30, 2011 (the last business day of our fiscal year) of \$48.70.

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Option Exercises and Stock Vested in Last Fiscal Year

The following table sets forth option exercises which occurred during fiscal 2011.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares	Value	Number of Shares	Value
	Acquired on	Realized on	Acquired on	Realized on
	Exercise	Exercise	Vesting	Vesting
	(#)	(\$) ⁽¹⁾	(#)	(\$)
Alan D. Wilson	-	-	-	-
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	18,974	233,142	-	-
Lawrence E. Kurzius	-	-	-	-
Charles T. Langmead	-	-	-	-
Mark T. Timbie	173,538	2,404,582	-	-

(1) The amounts shown are calculated based on the difference between the closing market price of our common stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price of the options, multiplied by the number of shares for which the options were exercised. The actual value realized by each Named Executive Officer, after payment of related taxes and fees, was as follows: Mr. Stetz - \$149,593; and Mr. Timbie - \$1,413,170.

Pension Benefits

McCormick's tax-qualified pension plan is a defined benefit, non-contributory plan. Similar to all other participants in the plan, the Named Executive Officers are generally eligible to participate in the plan upon completing one year of service. The normal retirement age pursuant to the plan is 65, however a participant may retire at 62 without receiving a reduction in benefits due to age, or as early as 55 with their benefits reduced 5/12 of 1% per month for each month that the participant is less than age 62. As of November 30, 2011, Mr. Timbie was eligible for early retirement with reduced benefits. Effective January 1, 2012, the pension plan was closed to new entrants; however, persons who were employees prior to January 1, 2012 will continue to accrue benefits under the pension plan in accordance with its existing terms, before and after January 1, 2012.

The plan provides benefits (which are reduced by an amount equal to 50% of the participant's Social Security benefit for those employees hired before December 1, 2000) based on the participant's years of service and the highest average compensation over a period of five consecutive years. As defined in the plan, "years of service" means all of the executive's years of service to McCormick after becoming eligible to enter the plan (generally after one year of employment with McCormick). However, if a participant experiences a total and permanent disability prior to age 65, the participant's benefit will be based upon the participant's years of service as if he or she had served to the later of age 65 or five years after the total and permanent disability and compensation as of the date of the total and permanent disability. Also as defined in the pension plan, "highest average compensation" means base pay only for employees hired prior to December 1, 2000, and base pay and annual incentive bonus for employees hired on or after December 1, 2000. All the Named Executive Officers were hired prior to December 1, 2000, except Mr. Kurzius who

was hired after that date.

The Named Executive Officers also participate in the senior executive program of the supplemental executive retirement plan (“SERP”), which was adopted in 1979. The SERP provides a limited group of senior executives age 50 and older with an inducement to retire before age 65 by providing participating executives with an additional month of service credit for each month of service in the SERP between ages 55 and 60. For executive participants hired prior to December 1, 2000, the SERP includes a significant portion of the executives’ annual bonuses in the calculation of pension benefits. Specifically, the calculation of average monthly earnings includes 90% of 1/12 of the average of the five highest annual bonuses payable for any five of the ten calendar years immediately preceding termination. For Named Executive Officers hired on or after December 1, 2000, the SERP is calculated by multiplying the benefit amount by a factor based upon the Named Executive Officer’s wage grade at the date of retirement.

If the participating executive experiences a termination by McCormick without cause prior to age 55, the executive’s SERP benefit will vest immediately upon such termination and will be based upon the executive’s years of service and compensation as of the date of the termination. Only an annuity form of benefit is permitted under both the qualified plan and the SERP, except in the event of a change in control, and in that event, a lump sum benefit is paid under the SERP. The Compensation Committee has closed the senior executive SERP program to new entrants; however, as is the case with the pension plan, executives who are currently participating in the senior executive SERP program will continue to accrue benefits under the plan in accordance with its existing terms.

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The following table sets forth the accumulated benefit payable upon retirement to each of the Named Executive Officers pursuant to our defined benefit plan and the SERP.

Name	Plan Name	Number of	Present Value	Payments
		Years Credited	of Accumulated	During
		Service	Benefit	Last Fiscal Year
		(#) ⁽¹⁾	(\$) ⁽²⁾	(\$)
Alan D. Wilson	Pension Plan	17 yrs. 2 mos.	425,326	0
	SERP	17 yrs. 2 mos.	3,514,047	0
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	Pension Plan	23 yrs.	466,618	0
	SERP	23 yrs.	1,101,298	0
Lawrence E. Kurzius	Pension Plan	6 yrs. 11 mos.	93,127	0
	SERP	6 yrs. 11 mos.	351,759	0
Charles T. Langmead	Pension Plan	33 yrs. 6 mos.	674,467	0
	SERP	33 yrs. 6 mos.	1,406,053	0
Mark T. Timbie	Pension Plan	14 yrs. 4 mos.	522,690	0
	SERP	16 yrs. 8 mos.	2,290,409	0

(1) Represents the number of years of service credited to the Named Executive Officer under the respective plan, computed as of the same pension plan measurement date used pursuant to our fiscal 2011 audited financial statements (November 30, 2011). Actual years of service are as follows: Mr. Wilson-18 yrs. 2 mos; Mr. Stetz-24 yrs; Mr. Kurzius-6 yrs, 11 mos; Mr. Langmead-35 yrs, 4 mos; and Mr. Timbie – 15 yrs, 4 mos. The difference in Mr. Timbie's credited service between the two plans is due to the additional credit provided by the SERP for each month of service in the Plan after age 55.

(2) Amounts represent the actuarial present value of the Named Executive Officer's accumulated benefit under each respective plan, computed as of the same pension plan measurement date used pursuant to our fiscal 2011 audited financial statements. For a discussion of the assumptions used in this valuation, see Note 8 to our fiscal 2011 audited financial statements. All assumptions are the same for purposes of the above calculation, other than the assumed retirement age is age 62, the earliest age at which the executives may retire with unreduced benefits.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

In 1999, McCormick adopted a deferred compensation plan that allows a limited number of management employees, including each of the Named Executive Officers, to defer up to 80% of their base salary and up to 80% of their annual cash bonus each year. These percentages were chosen to provide maximum deferral flexibility while requiring sufficient non-deferral salary out of which federal withholding and certain other payroll-based items could be funded. McCormick makes no contributions to the plan. For all plan participants, including each of the Named Executive Officers, the deferred amounts are recorded in a notional deferred compensation account and change in value based

upon the gains and losses of benchmark fund alternatives.

These fund alternatives are the same as those available under the McCormick 401(k) Retirement Plan, except there is also one real estate fund (which is generally publicly-available) that is offered under this plan that is not available under the McCormick 401(k) Retirement Plan because it was determined by the Investment Committee to have a risk level that is not appropriate to offer in the more general McCormick 401(k) Retirement Plan. Participants may generally elect to change their fund choices at any time (there are certain restrictions applicable to participants subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act).

In most cases, deferred amounts plus earnings are paid upon the participant's retirement or termination of employment. For deferrals made prior to 2005, upon a participant's termination of employment, the plan balance is paid on a lump-sum basis. Upon retirement, the plan balance is paid in either a lump sum or in 5, 10, 15, or 20-year installments based on the participant's election made at the time of the deferral. For deferrals made in 2005 and beyond, the plan balance is paid six months following retirement or termination in either a lump sum or in 5, 10, 15, or 20-year installments based on the participant's election made at the time of the deferral.

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The following table sets forth the Named Executive Officers' contributions, account earnings and aggregate balance under the nonqualified deferred compensation plan as of November 30, 2011.

	Executive	Aggregate	Aggregate	Aggregate
	Contributions	Earnings	Withdrawals	Balance
	in Last FY	in Last FY	Distributions	at Last FYE
Name	(\$)⁽¹⁾	(\$)⁽²⁾	(\$)	(\$)⁽³⁾
Alan D. Wilson	496,800	10,567	0	2,371,084
Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	53,792	13,377	0	616,735
Lawrence E. Kurzius	357,498	(34,070)	0	1,017,135
Charles T. Langmead	0	19,817	0	277,037
Mark T. Timbie	371,827	72,318	0	2,964,306

(1) Amounts represent deferrals of base salary and annual non-equity incentive plan compensation by each respective Named Executive Officer during fiscal 2011 as follows: Mr. Wilson - \$0 (salary), \$496,800 (non-equity incentive plan compensation); Mr. Stetz - \$5,192 (salary), \$48,600 (non-equity incentive plan compensation); Mr. Kurzius - \$96,190 (salary), \$261,308 (non-equity incentive plan compensation); and Mr. Timbie - \$101,151 (salary), \$270,675 (non-equity incentive plan compensation). The salary amounts are included with the "Salary" column of the "Summary Compensation Table" above. The non-equity incentive plan compensation amounts are fiscal 2010 annual incentive compensation that was paid during fiscal 2011 and thus are not included in the Summary Compensation Table. The "Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year" column does not include executive contributions made in fiscal 2012 relating to non-equity incentive plan compensation earned in fiscal 2011.

(2) Non-qualified deferred compensation earnings are not above-market or preferential and therefore these amounts are not reported in the "Summary Compensation Table" above.

(3) Of these amounts, the following aggregate amounts are included in the Summary Compensation Table above (either as fiscal 2009, 2010 or 2011 compensation) for each Named Executive Officer: Mr. Wilson - \$1,256,774; Mr. Stetz - \$245,025; Mr. Kurzius - \$771,504; Mr. Langmead - \$76,975; and Mr. Timbie - \$1,261,500.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

Other than as described below, McCormick does not maintain any agreements, arrangements or plans that provide the Named Executive Officers with payments upon a termination or change in control of McCormick that are not available generally to all employees of McCormick on a non-discriminatory basis. Similar to all McCormick employees, upon termination without cause, each Named Executive Officer is entitled to receive the following payments and benefits:

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a lump sum payment equal to his or her accrued but unused vacation time;

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post-employment health benefits for the remainder of the calendar month of departure and optional benefits payable under the Consolidated Omnibus Benefits Reconciliation Act for up to 18 months following termination;

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severance equal to one week of base pay for every year of service, plus six weeks;

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in the event of a termination of employment due to total and permanent disability, a monthly payment equal to 50% of salary minus 50% of the Social Security payment received, paid in equal monthly installments until the executive attains age 65; and

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in the event of death before termination or retirement, a one-time benefit is paid to his or her beneficiary in an amount equal to the executive's base salary, subject to a limit of \$500,000.

In addition, upon termination of employment, including retirement, the applicable Named Executive Officers are entitled to receive their respective balances pursuant to our nonqualified deferred compensation plan as described above under "Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation."

Equity Plans

The vesting schedules under outstanding equity awards accelerate upon death, total and permanent disability, involuntary termination without cause, retirement and a "change in control" (defined below). While this benefit is available to all of our equity plan participants equally, pursuant to SEC requirements we have included this acceleration benefit in the table below.

A "*change in control*" is generally defined as:

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the consolidation or merger of McCormick with or into another entity where McCormick is not the continuing or surviving corporation, except for any consolidation or merger in which, generally, the holders of McCormick's Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting immediately before the consolidation or merger own in excess of 50% of the voting stock of the surviving corporation;

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any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of McCormick;

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any person becoming the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of McCormick securities representing more than 13% (or 35% in the event that the vote limitation provision of McCormick's Charter is deemed unenforceable) of the voting power of all the outstanding securities of McCormick having the right to vote in an election of the Board; or

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directors elected by the Company's stockholders at the most recent annual meeting of stockholders, and any new directors approved by at least a majority of the directors then in office, cease to constitute a majority of the members of the Board.

Estimates of Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

The table below sets forth estimated payment amounts each Named Executive Officer would have received, unless otherwise noted, upon death, total and permanent disability, retirement, involuntary termination without cause, or change in control, assuming a triggering event on November 30, 2011. For purposes of the estimated amounts below, we have assumed that the price per share of our common stock was \$48.70, the closing market price of our Common Stock Non-Voting on November 30, 2011 (the last business day of our fiscal year).

In addition, we have not included each applicable Named Executive Officer's award under the Annual Performance-Based Incentive Compensation Plan, or their respective balances pursuant to our Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, as these amounts are disclosed in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the "Summary Compensation Table," and the "Aggregate Balance at Last FYE" column of the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation" table, above.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control ("CIC")	Alan D. Wilson	Gordon M. Stetz, Jr.	Lawrence E. Kurzius	Charles T. Langmead	Mark T. Timbie
Mid-Term Incentive Plan:					
FY2010-2012 Performance Period					
Retirement/Death/Disability/Involuntary Termination ⁽¹⁾	\$ 800,000	\$ 233,333	\$ 283,333	\$ 233,333	\$ 283,333
CIC	1,200,000	350,000	425,000	350,000	425,000
FY2011-2013 Performance Period					
Retirement/Death/Disability/Involuntary Termination ⁽¹⁾	500,000	116,667	141,667	116,667	141,667
CIC	1,500,000	350,000	425,000	350,000	425,000
Equity Awards:					
Accelerated Stock Options	5,201,363	1,108,078	1,440,704	1,108,078	1,462,924
Pension Plan Payment⁽²⁾					
Retirement/Involuntary Termination/CIC	425,326	466,618	93,127	674,467	522,690

Disability	735,300	779,878	256,183	936,090	686,418
Death	213,414	212,045	44,262	350,087	227,877
SERP Payment⁽³⁾					
Retirement/Involuntary Termination/CIC	3,514,047 ⁽⁵⁾	1,101,298 ⁽⁶⁾	351,759 ⁽⁷⁾	1,406,053 ⁽⁸⁾	2,290,409 ⁽⁹⁾
Disability	6,371,147	1,908,926	1,496,205	2,003,948	1,946,040
Death	1,012,645	297,559	97,964	413,117	1,059,424
Disability Benefits⁽⁴⁾	362,944	97,944	105,444	85,444	117,944

(1) These amounts represent target awards for the FY 2010-2012 and FY 2011-2013 performance cycles, adjusted pro rata based on service through November 30, 2011. The cash-based long-term incentive plan provides that these amounts would be further adjusted (0-200%) based on McCormick's performance.

(2) Present value of benefits payable immediately if triggering event occurred on November 30, 2011. The amounts are calculated based on the 2011 FAS disclosure discount rates of 5.52% and the Generational RP-2000 combined Mortality Table for post-retirement mortality. See the narrative to the "Pension Benefits" table above for a discussion of the payment formulae upon the various termination events.

(3) Present value of benefits payable immediately if triggering event occurred on November 30, 2011. The amounts are calculated based on the 2011 FAS disclosure discount rates of 5.42% and the Generational RP-2000 combined Mortality Table for post-retirement mortality. See the narrative to the "Pension Benefits" table above for a discussion of the payment formulae upon the various termination events.

(4) The amount shown is an estimated annual benefit paid to the Named Executive Officer in the event that he becomes totally and permanently disabled. The amounts are calculated on the amount in excess of the \$245,000 limit. The amounts set forth in the table above assume the executive's current base salary and one-half of the maximum Social Security offset, as applicable.

(5) As of November 30, 2011, the present value of benefits associated with involuntary termination for Mr. Wilson would have been \$2,036,800 and \$1,946,925 for change in control. The amount shown for Mr. Wilson represents the present value of benefits associated with retirement.

(6) As of November 30, 2011, the present value of benefits associated with involuntary termination for Mr. Stetz would have been \$625,249 and \$518,265 for change in control. The amount shown for Mr. Stetz represents the present value of benefits associated with retirement.

(7) As of November 30, 2011, the present value of benefits associated with involuntary termination for Mr. Kurzius would have been \$203,972 and \$192,375 for change in control. The amount shown for Mr. Kurzius represents the present value of benefits associated with retirement.

(8) As of November 30, 2011, the present value of benefits associated with involuntary termination for Mr. Langmead would have been \$813,693 and \$796,124 for change in control. The amount shown for Mr. Langmead represents the present value of benefits associated with retirement.

(9) As of November 30, 2011, the present value of benefits associated with involuntary termination for Mr. Timbie would have been \$2,290,409 and \$2,388,995 for change in control.

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Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table summarizes information about McCormick's equity compensation plans as of November 30, 2011:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights		Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights		Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) ⁽³⁾
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Equity Compensation Plans approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock
	5,075,462	\$35.53			2,476,791
	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting
	1,412,605	\$33.01			1,784,445
Equity Compensation Plans not required to be approved by security holders ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock
	62,275	\$34.78			0
	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting
	18,920	\$35.76			0
	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock
	5,137,737	\$35.52			2,476,791
	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting	Common Stock Non-Voting
TOTAL	1,431,525	\$33.04			1,784,445

(1) Includes the 1997 and 2001 Stock Option Plans, the 1999 and 2004 Directors Non-Qualified Stock Option Plans, the 2004 Long-term Incentive Plan, and the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(2) Includes options granted to foreign nationals pursuant to plans for certain non-US subsidiaries and in lieu of participation under the 1997 and 2001 Stock Option Plans, the 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Except for minor variations required by tax laws of various jurisdictions, the terms and conditions of such options are substantially the same as the options granted under the U.S. plans.

(3) In addition to plans included in footnotes (1) and (2), includes the Directors' Share Ownership Plan and 2009 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Report of Audit Committee

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are defined in a Charter which has been approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee's Charter is available at McCormick's Investor Relations website at ir.mccormick.com under "Corporate Governance," then "Board Committees - Descriptions & Charters." Among other things, the Charter gives the Committee the responsibility for reviewing McCormick's audited financial statements and the financial reporting process. In carrying out that responsibility, the Committee has reviewed and discussed McCormick's audited financial statements with management, and it has discussed with McCormick's independent registered public accounting firm the matters which are required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees), as amended and as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") in Rule 3200T. In addition, the Committee has received and reviewed the written disclosures and letter required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with such firm its independence. The Audit Committee has reviewed the fees of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for non-audit services and believes that such fees are compatible with the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm.

Based on these reviews and discussions, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that McCormick's audited financial statements be included in McCormick's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011.

All members of the Audit Committee are "independent" pursuant to the requirements of McCormick's Corporate Governance Guidelines, the NYSE's Listing Standards, and applicable SEC rules.

Submitted by: **Audit Committee**

James T. Brady, Chairman

J. Michael Fitzpatrick

Patricia Little

Michael D. Mangan

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Fees of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Audit Fees

The audit fees billed for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of McCormick's annual financial statements for the most recent fiscal year and the review of the financial statements included in McCormick's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the most recent fiscal year were \$3.7 million. For the 2010 fiscal year, such fees were \$3.6 million.

Audit Related Fees

The aggregate fees billed for all audit related services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the most recent fiscal year were approximately \$600,000, and for the 2010 fiscal year were approximately \$600,000. Audit related services principally include due diligence in connection with acquisitions, accounting consultations, audits, and consultations in connection with dispositions.

Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed for all tax services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the most recent fiscal year were approximately \$700,000, and for the 2010 fiscal year were approximately \$600,000. Tax services principally include tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

All Other Fees

Other professional services include advisory services and tax round tables. The aggregate fees billed for other professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the most recent fiscal year were approximately \$30,000. For the 2010 fiscal year, such fees were \$20,000.

The Audit Committee has adopted policies and procedures for the pre-approval of the above fees. All requests for services to be provided by Ernst & Young LLP are submitted to the Manager of Internal Audit, who subsequently requests pre-approval (for service fees of \$250,000 or less) from the Audit Committee Chairman. Requests for services in excess of \$250,000 require approval from the entire Audit Committee. A schedule of pre-approved services is reviewed by the entire Audit Committee at each Audit Committee meeting.

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PROPOSAL 2 RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors has ratified the Audit Committee's appointment of the accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm of McCormick for fiscal year 2012, subject to ratification by the stockholders of McCormick. Ernst & Young LLP were first appointed to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm of McCormick in 1982 and are considered by the Audit Committee and the management of McCormick to be well qualified. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Although stockholder ratification is not required, the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP is being submitted for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice with a view towards soliciting stockholders' opinions which the Audit Committee will take into consideration in future deliberations. If Ernst & Young LLP's selection is not ratified at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether to retain Ernst & Young LLP. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of McCormick and its stockholders.

Required Vote of Stockholders

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of the shares of Common Stock present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present is required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as McCormick's independent registered public accounting firm.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR ratification.

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Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires McCormick's directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of McCormick's equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership of such equity securities of McCormick. To McCormick's knowledge, based upon the reports filed and written representations regarding reports required during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, no executive officer or any director of McCormick failed to file reports required by Section 16(a) on a timely basis.

Other Matters

Management knows of no other matters that may be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote such proxy in accordance with their judgment on such matters.

Voting Procedures

The affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast by holders of Common Stock present in person or by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present is required for the election of each director nominee (Proposal One), and the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as McCormick's independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal Two). Abstentions and "broker non-votes" (see below), if any, are not counted in the number of votes cast and will have no effect on the results of the vote. Proxy cards that are executed and returned without any designated voting direction will be voted in the manner stated on the proxy card.

Under current NYSE rules, the proposal to ratify the appointment of independent auditors (Proposal Two) is considered a "discretionary" item. This means that brokerage firms may vote in their discretion on this matter on behalf of clients who have not furnished voting instructions at least 15 days before the date of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In contrast, the proposal to elect directors (Proposal One) is a "non-discretionary" item. This means brokerage firms that have not received voting instructions from their clients on this matter may not vote on Proposal One. These so-called "broker non-votes" will not be considered in determining the number of votes necessary for approval and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote for this proposal.

Householding of Annual Disclosure Documents

Pursuant to SEC rules, McCormick intends to send a single annual report and proxy statement to any household where two or more stockholders reside unless it has received contrary instructions from the stockholders. This rule benefits both stockholders and McCormick. It eliminates unnecessary mailings delivered to your home and helps to reduce McCormick's expenses. Each stockholder will continue to receive a separate proxy card. If your household receives a single set of disclosure documents for this year, and you would prefer to receive a duplicate copy, please contact McCormick's delivery agent, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., by calling its toll-free number, 800-542-1061, sending an electronic mail message to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com, or writing to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY, 11717. McCormick will provide you with a duplicate copy promptly. If you share an address with another McCormick stockholder and you would prefer to receive a separate set of annual disclosure documents in the future or both of you would prefer to receive only a single set of McCormick's annual disclosure documents, please contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. at the above telephone number or address.

Stockholder Proposals For 2013 Annual Meeting

Proposals of stockholders to be presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting must be received by the Secretary of McCormick on or before October 19, 2012 to be considered for inclusion in the 2013 proxy statement material.

Stockholders wishing to submit proposals or director nominations at the 2013 Annual Meeting that are not to be included in such proxy statement material must deliver notice to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of McCormick no later than the close of business on the 60th day, nor earlier than the close of business on the 90th day, prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting (i.e., between December 28, 2012 and January 28, 2013). Stockholders are also advised to review McCormick's By-Laws, which contain additional requirements with respect to advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations.

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