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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-K**

X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition Period from

to

Commission File Number 001- 36348

# PAYLOCITY HOLDING CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

46-4066644 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

#### 3850 N. Wilke Road

#### Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(847) 463-3200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Titl</u>	e of	each	<u>class</u>	
Common Stock.	par	value	\$0.001	per share

Name of each exchange on which registered

The NASDAQ Global Select Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None	

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer	X
Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	o
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No x		
The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of December 31, 2014, the last day of reg second fiscal quarter, was \$415,799,087 (based on the closing price for shares of the registrant s common stock as reported by for the last business day prior to that date).		
As of August 7, 2015, there were 50,712,929 shares of the registrant s common stock issued and outstanding.  DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:		
The information required by Part III of this Report, to the extent not set forth herein, is incorporated herein by reference from t registrant s 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, which shall be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 15 to which this Report relates.	,	

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#### PART 1

# **Forward Looking Statements**

Except for the historical financial information contained herein, the matters discussed in this report on Form 10-K (as well as documents incorporated herein by reference) may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations. When used in this Annual Report, the words believe, may, could, will, estimate, continue, intend, expect, anticipate, plan, project and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives, and financial needs. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in this report, and in particular, the risks discussed under Part 1, Item 1A: Risk Factors and those discussed in other documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as required by law, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements publicly or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this report and in the documents incorporated in this report may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

#### Item 1. Business.

# Overview

We are a cloud-based provider of payroll and human capital management, or HCM, software solutions for medium-sized organizations, which we define as those having between 20 and 1,000 employees. Our comprehensive and easy-to-use solutions enable our clients to manage their workforces more effectively. As of June 30, 2015, we served approximately 10,350 clients across the U.S., which on average had over 100 employees. Our solutions help drive strategic human capital decision-making and improve employee engagement by enhancing the human resource, payroll and finance capabilities of our clients.

Our multi-tenant software platform is highly configurable and includes a unified suite of payroll and HCM applications, such as time and labor tracking, benefits and talent management. Our solutions have been organically developed from our core payroll solution, which we believe is the most critical system of record for medium-sized organizations and an essential gateway to other HCM functionality. Our payroll and HCM

applications use a unified database and provide robust on-demand reporting and analytics. Our platform provides intuitive self-service functionality for employees and managers combined with seamless integration across all our solutions. We supplement our comprehensive software platform with an integrated implementation and client service organization, all of which are designed to meet the needs of medium-sized organizations.

Effective management of human capital is a core function in all organizations and requires a significant commitment of resources.

Organizations are faced with complex and ever-changing requirements, including diverse federal, state and local regulations across multiple jurisdictions. In addition, the workplace operating environment is rapidly changing as employees increasingly become mobile, work remotely and expect an end user experience similar to that of consumer-oriented Internet applications. Medium-sized organizations operating without the infrastructure, expertise or personnel of larger enterprises are uniquely pressured in this complex and dynamic environment. Existing solutions offered by third-party payroll service providers can have limited capabilities and configurability while enterprise-focused software vendors can be expensive and time-consuming to implement and manage. We believe that medium-sized organizations are better served by solutions designed to meet their unique needs.

Our solutions provide the following key benefits to our clients:

- Comprehensive cloud-based platform optimized to meet the payroll and HCM needs of medium-sized organizations;
- Modern, intuitive user experience and self-service capabilities that significantly increase employee engagement;
- Flexible and configurable platform that aligns with business processes and centralizes payroll and HCM data;
- Software as a service, or SaaS, delivery model that reduces total cost of ownership for our clients; and

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• Seamless data integration with our extensive partner ecosystem that saves time and expense and reduces the risk of errors.

We market and sell our products primarily through our direct sales force. We generate sales leads through a variety of focused marketing initiatives and by referrals from our extensive referral network of 401(k) advisors, benefits administrators, insurance brokers, third-party administrators and HR consultants. We derive revenue from a client based on the solutions purchased by the client, the number of client employees and the amount, type and timing of services provided in respect of those client employees. Our annual revenue retention rate was greater than 92% in each of the fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015. Our total revenues increased from \$77.3 million in fiscal 2013 to \$108.7 million in fiscal 2014, representing a 41% year-over-year increase and to \$152.7 million in fiscal 2015, representing a 40% year-over-year increase. Our recurring revenues increased from \$72.8 million in fiscal 2013 to \$101.9 million in fiscal 2014, representing a 40% year-over-year increase, and to \$144.1 million in fiscal 2015, representing a 41% year-over-year increase. Although we do not have long-term contracts with our clients and our agreements with clients are generally terminable on 60 days or less notice, our recurring revenue model provides significant visibility into our future operating results.

#### **Industry Background**

Effective management of human capital is a core function for all organizations and requires a significant commitment of resources. Identifying, acquiring and retaining talent is a priority at all levels of an organization. In today s increasingly complex business and regulatory environment, organizations are being pressured to manage critical payroll and HCM functions more effectively, automate manual processes and decrease their operating costs.

# Complex and Dynamic Tax and Regulatory Environment

The tax and regulatory environment in the United States is complex and dynamic. Organizations are subject to a myriad of tax, benefit, workers compensation, healthcare and other rules, regulations and reporting obligations. In addition to U.S. federal taxing and regulatory authorities, there are more than 10,000 state and local tax codes in the United States. Further, federal, state and local government agencies continually enact and amend the rules, regulations and reporting requirements with which organizations must comply.

# Growing Demand for Mobility and Enhanced User Experience

Connectivity and mobility are enabling employees to spend less time in traditional office environments and more time working remotely. This trend increases the demand for advanced and intuitive solutions that improve collaboration and foster employee engagement, such as remote self-service access to payroll and timesheet reporting, HR and benefits portals and other talent management applications. Given the prominence of consumer-oriented Internet applications, employees expect the user experience and accessibility of internal systems to be similar to those of the latest Internet applications, such as LinkedIn, Amazon and Facebook.

Medium-sized organizations functioning without the infrastructure, expertise or personnel of larger enterprises are uniquely pressured in the current complex and dynamic environment. Employees in these medium-sized organizations often perform multiple job functions, and many medium-sized organizations have limited financial, technical and other resources needed to effectively manage their critical business requirements and to build and maintain the systems required to do so.

#### Large Market Opportunity for Payroll and HCM Solutions

According to market analyses published by International Data Corporation, or IDC, titled Worldwide and U.S. Human Capital Management Applications 2015-2019 Forecast (June 2015) and U.S. Payroll Outsourcing Services 2013-2017 Forecast and Analysis (October 2013), the U.S. market for HCM applications and payroll outsourcing services is estimated to be \$24 billion in 2015. The market opportunity is driven by the importance of payroll and HCM solutions to the successful management of organizations.

To estimate our addressable market, we focus our analysis on the number of U.S. medium-sized organizations and the number of their employees. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were over 565,000 firms with 20 to 999 employees in the U.S. in 2010, employing over 40 million persons. We estimate that if clients were to buy our entire suite of existing solutions at list prices, they would spend approximately \$230 per employee annually. Based on this analysis, we believe our current target addressable market is approximately \$9.0 billion. Our existing clients do not typically buy our entire suite of solutions, and as we continue to expand our product offerings, we believe that we have an opportunity to increase the amount clients spend on payroll and HCM solutions per employee and to expand our addressable market.

# Organizations Are Increasingly Transitioning to SaaS Solutions

SaaS solutions are easier and more affordable to implement and operate than those offered by traditional software providers. SaaS solutions also enable software updates with greater frequency and without new hardware investments, enabling organizations to better react to changes in their environments. Many organizations are transitioning to SaaS solutions for front-office business applications such as salesforce management. Similarly, we believe organizations are adopting back-office SaaS applications, such as payroll and HCM, with increasing frequency. According to a market analysis published by IDC, titled Worldwide SaaS and Cloud

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Software 2014-2018 Forecast and 2013 Vendor Shares (July 2014), the U.S. SaaS market is estimated to be \$32 billion in 2015 and is projected to grow at a 17% compound annual growth rate from 2013 to 2018.

## Limitations of Existing Solutions

We believe that existing payroll and HCM solutions have limitations that cause them to underserve the unique needs of medium-sized organizations. Existing payroll and HCM solutions include:

- Traditional Payroll Service Providers. Traditional payroll service providers are primarily focused on delivery of a variety of payroll processing services, insurance products and HR business process outsourcing solutions. Many of these solutions offer limited capabilities and integration beyond traditional payroll processing. The lack of a unified and configurable payroll and HCM suite can diminish the effectiveness of a system, detract from user experience and limit integration with other solutions. In addition, we believe that certain traditional payroll service providers often do not provide a high-quality client service experience.
- Enterprise-Focused Payroll and HCM Software Vendors. Enterprise-focused software vendors offer solutions and services that are designed for the complex needs and structures of large enterprises. As a result, their solutions can be expensive, complex and time-consuming to implement, operate and maintain.
- *HCM Point Solution Providers*. Many HCM point solutions lack integrated payroll functionality. The implementation and management of multiple point solutions and the reliance on multiple service organizations can be challenging and expensive for medium-sized organizations.
- Manual Processes for Payroll and HCM Functions. Manual payroll and HCM processes require increased HR, payroll and finance personnel involvement, resulting in higher costs, slower processing and greater risks of data entry errors.

Given the challenges medium-sized organizations face operating in complex and dynamic environments and the limited ability of traditional offerings to address these challenges, we believe there is a significant market opportunity for a comprehensive, unified SaaS solution designed to serve the payroll and HCM needs of medium-sized organizations.

# **Segment Information**

Our chief operating decision maker reviews our financial results in total when evaluating financial performance and for purposes of allocating resources. We have thus determined that we operate in a single cloud-based software solution reporting segment.

#### **Our Solution**

We are a cloud-based provider of payroll and HCM software solutions for medium-sized organizations. Our solutions enable medium-sized organizations to more efficiently manage payroll and human capital in their complex and dynamic operating environments. As of June 30, 2015, we served approximately 10,350 clients across the U.S., which on average had over 100 employees.

The key benefits of our solution include the following:

- Comprehensive Platform Optimized for Medium-Sized Organizations. Our solutions empower finance and HR professionals in medium-sized organizations to drive strategic human capital decisions by providing enterprise-grade payroll and HCM applications, including robust reporting and analytics. Our unified platform fully automates payroll and HCM processes, enabling our clients to focus on core business activities. Our solutions help our clients attract, retain and manage their employees within a single, comprehensive system.
- Modern, Intuitive User Experience. Our intuitive, easy-to-use interface is based on current technology and automatically adapts to users devices, including mobile platforms, thereby significantly increasing accessibility of our solutions and decreasing the need for training. Our platform s self-service functionality and performance management applications provide employees with an engaging experience. Our performance management applications include peer-to-peer employee recognition and social employee profiles that create a reward and recognition environment resulting in greater employee engagement.
- Flexible and Configurable Platform. We design our solutions to be flexible and configurable, allowing our clients to match their use of our software with their specific business processes and workflows. Our platform has been organically developed from a common code base, data structure and user interface, providing a consistent user experience with powerful features that are easily adaptable to our clients needs. Our systems centralize payroll and HCM data, minimizing inconsistent and incomplete information that can be produced when using multiple databases.
- *Highly-Attractive SaaS Solution for Medium-Sized Organizations*. Our solutions are cloud-based and offered on a subscription basis, making them easier and more affordable to implement, operate and update and enabling our clients to

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focus less on their IT infrastructure and more on their core businesses. Our cloud-based software can be operated by a single administrator without the support of an in-house information technology department. Our multi-tenant and modern architecture allows for frequent software enhancements thereby enabling our clients to react to a rapidly changing and complex operating environment. Our cloud-based platform enables our clients to scale their businesses without having to acquire additional hardware or to resolve the integration challenges that often result from traditional outsourcing solutions.

• Seamless Integration with Extensive Ecosystem of Partners. Our platform offers our clients automated data integration with over 200 related third-party partner systems, such as 401(k), benefits and insurance provider systems. This integration reduces the complexity and risk of error of manual data transfers and saves time for our clients and their employees. We integrate data with these related systems through a secure connection, which significantly decreases the risk of unauthorized third-party access and other security breaches. Our direct and automated data transmission improves the accuracy of data and facilitates data collection in our partners systems. We believe having automated data integration with a payroll and HCM provider like us differentiates our partners product offerings, strengthening their competitive positioning in their own markets.

# **Our Strategy**

We intend to strengthen and extend our position as a provider of cloud-based payroll and HCM software solutions to medium-sized organizations. Key elements of our strategy include:

- Grow Our Client Base. We believe that our current client base represents only a small portion of the medium-sized organizations that could benefit from our solutions. While we served approximately 10,350 clients across the U.S. as of June 30, 2015, there were over 565,000 firms with 20 to 999 employees in the United States, employing more than 40 million persons, according to the U.S. Census Bureau in 2010. In order to acquire new clients, we plan to continue to grow our sales organization aggressively across all U.S. geographies.
- Expand Our Product Offerings. We believe that our leadership position is in significant part the result of our investment and innovation in our product offerings designed for medium-sized organizations. Therefore, we plan to increase investment in software development to continue to advance our platform and expand our product offerings. For example, in June 2015 we announced the release of ACA Enhanced, which will provide compliance and reporting for the Affordable Care Act.
- *Increase Average Revenue Per Client*. Our average revenue per client has consistently increased in each of the last three years as we have broadened our product offerings. We plan to further grow average revenue per client by selling a broader selection of products to new and existing clients.

- Extend Technological Leadership. We believe that our organically developed cloud-based multi-tenant software platform, combined with our unified database architecture, enhances the experience and usability of our products, providing what we believe to be a competitive advantage over alternative solutions. Our modern, intuitive user interface utilizes features found on many popular consumer Internet sites, enabling users to use our solutions with limited training. We plan to continue our technology innovation, as we have done with our mobile applications, social features and analytics capabilities.
- Further Develop Our Referral Network. We have developed a strong network of referral participants, such as 401(k) advisors, benefits administrators, insurance brokers, third-party administrators and HR consultants that recommend our solutions and provide referrals. We believe that our platform s automated data integration with over 200 related third-party partner systems is valuable to our referral participants, as they are able to access payroll and HR data through a single system which decreases complexity and cost and complements their own product offerings. We plan to increase integration with third-party providers and expand our referral network to grow our client base and lower our client acquisition costs.

## **Our Products**

Our cloud-based platform features a suite of unified payroll and HCM applications. Our solutions are highly configurable and easy to use, implement, update and maintain.

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# Paylocity Web Pay

Paylocity Web Pay is designed to provide enterprise-grade payroll processing and administration.

Feature	Functionality
Company-Level Configuration	<ul> <li>Real time ability to add, delete and modify client-specific payroll settings,</li> </ul>
	including departments, job codes, earnings, deductions, taxes and garnishments
	<ul> <li>Ability to create customized payroll earning or deduction code calculations,</li> </ul>
	401(k) match calculations and labor cost allocations
	<ul> <li>Ability to configure payroll audits that identify potential errors prior to</li> </ul>
	finishing payroll, such as paying the same employee twice
Configurable Templates	<ul> <li>Combination of standard and modifiable templates powered by</li> </ul>
	highly-flexible drag-and-drop technology
	• Standard templates such as new hire, job change, leave of absence and
	termination templates
	• Enables users to configure user interface to efficiently align to organizations
	business processes
	<ul> <li>Ability to require additional data, add default values and insert new custom</li> </ul>
	fields increases accuracy and consistency of data across the platform
Custom Checklists	Allows users to track critical steps in hiring and other processes
	<ul> <li>Triggers reports and notification emails to track critical steps and informs</li> </ul>
	users when tasks are complete
Advanced Reporting	• Easy-to-use, powerful reporting dashboard enables users to design and create
	ad-hoc reports or rely on over 100 standard reports
	<ul> <li>Ability to generate a variety of pre-process reports via report library and report writer</li> </ul>
	Real-time report generation, including the ability to automatically schedule
	reports to run on a user-defined frequency
	<ul> <li>Point-in-time reporting, including comparative analysis over multiple</li> </ul>
	periods, allowing users to view data from any time in history
HR Insight and Analytics	<ul> <li>Provides a dashboard view into critical HR metrics such as headcount and</li> </ul>
-	employee turnover
	• Users can choose between different types of graphical display or export the
	information to spreadsheets or other documents

# Paylocity HR

Paylocity HR provides a set of core HR capabilities designed to improve HR compliance, enhance reporting capabilities and reduce the amount of time necessary to manage employee information.

Feature		Functionality
Employee Record Management	•	Manage payroll deductions for employee benefit plans such as health and
	401(k)	
	•	Automated employee time-off requests
	•	Track employee skills, events, education and prior employment
	•	Store employee documentation electronically
	•	Record and track company property issued to employees
	•	Ability to add custom fields to track additional employee related information
HR Compliance and Reporting	•	Interactive employee organizational chart
	•	Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) tracking
	•	Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) reporting
	•	Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) tracking
	•	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) tracking
	•	VETS 100/100A reporting
	•	Workers compensation tracking and reporting
	•	I-9 verification

# Paylocity Affordable Care Act Enhanced

Paylocity Affordable Care Act Enhanced (ACA Enhanced), which we recently released and made available to our clients for fiscal 2016, provides compliance and reporting for the Affordable Care Act (ACA). ACA Enhanced automates form capture, preparation and filing of forms 1094-C and 1095-C. This compliance tool also includes enhanced dashboards, reporting, alerts and notifications.

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# Paylocity Impressions

Paylocity Impressions is our advanced social media feature designed to integrate peer-to-peer collaboration and recognition into our solution, giving employees the ability to recognize each other and provide immediate feedback through virtually any device having Internet access. Paylocity Impressions helps to provide timely, meaningful recognition and promotes repeat positive behaviors among employees. Administrators have the ability to give their employees the option to post their accomplishments on their employee profiles to share with co-workers and other members of the organization. Employees can also be given the option to self-manage their profiles as well as update images and link to social sites such as LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. We believe that this functionality delivers a unique and modern solution to managing employee recognition programs.

In April 2010 the Company granted performance-based restricted stock awards to certain of its employees and executive officers, including named executive officers Messrs. Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn,

vesting of which was contingent upon the Company achieving the performance target of an EBITDA compounded annual growth rate of 18% over the 30-month period beginning March 1, 2010 and ending August 31, 2012 (the measurement period ). On October 30, 2012 the Compensation Committee reviewed the Company s performance during the measurement period and determined that the Company had achieved the performance target, and therefore all of 2010 performance-based restricted shares vested as of the determination date, October 30, 2012.

### Response to 2012 Say-on-Pay Vote

At our 2012 annual meeting, our first advisory vote on executive compensation passed by a vote of 52% of votes cast. The vote outcome was highly disappointing to the Company, our Board of Directors and our Compensation Committee. In discussions with our shareholders during the period leading up to our annual meeting, we learned that our shareholders disapproved of the tax gross-up provisions in our executive life insurance and supplemental executive retirement programs, and of the modified single trigger for payment of benefits contained in the change of control provisions in certain of our executive officers employment agreements or change in control agreements, and were concerned that we lacked stock ownership guidelines for our executive officers.

The Compensation Committee carefully considered the feedback received from our shareholders as part of its ongoing evaluation of all elements of the Company s executive compensation program. In response to this feedback the Compensation Committee took the following actions in 2012:

Restructured the Company s executive life insurance program to eliminate all tax-gross-up payments to participating executives;

Eliminated all tax gross-up payments in the Company s supplemental executive retirement programs by terminating the Company s Target Benefit Plan, which provided for tax gross-up payments, and replacing it with contributions to the Company s nonqualified deferred compensation plan;

Eliminated the modified single trigger change of control provisions, under the terms of amended and restated agreements entered into with each of the Company s executive officers who has an individual employment agreement or change of control agreement which contained such a provision;

Adopted executive officer stock ownership guidelines; and

Adopted non-employee director stock ownership guidelines.

The changes described above were adopted during the summer of 2012, therefore the compensation tables following this Compensation Discussion and Analysis include disclosure of tax gross-up payments and final Target Benefit Plan contributions made prior to adoption of these changes. Each of these programs and agreements is discussed in more detail below under the headings Compensation Program Elements and Additional Compensation Matters.

Concerns were also raised regarding the retirement benefit provided for Mr. Furman under the terms of his employment agreement, which had been viewed as a non-performance based guaranteed bonus. The Compensation Committee carefully considered the concerns raised regarding the supplemental retirement benefit, the history of the benefit and its part in Mr. Furman s total compensation package and other factors described in greater detail under the heading Supplemental Retirement Benefit for William A. Furman, below, and determined that the benefit should not be eliminated.

# **Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

Our executive compensation philosophy is that executive pay should be linked to performance of the Company and the individual executives, and should be designed to attract, retain and motivate the executives necessary to accomplish the Company s business strategy. To achieve these ends, the Compensation Committee believes that:

Compensation for executives and key employees should be weighted toward incentive compensation and equity grants.

Incentive compensation should be linked to both Company and individual performance. Individual performance goals should reinforce cooperation and teamwork in achieving business success. Company performance goals should be responsive to the Company s cyclical business environment.

Incentive compensation should strike a balance between short-term and long-term performance.

Compensation levels should be sufficiently competitive to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified executives and employees and should reflect position and responsibility.

Equity grants should be targeted to senior management and key employees and should be issued on a recurring basis considering market conditions.

Administrative costs should be minimized through simplified program structures.

The tax deductibility of compensation should be maximized where possible consistent with the overall goals of the compensation program.

#### **Compensation Decision-Making Process**

#### Compensation Committee and its Role

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors determines the compensation of our executive officers, including our NEOs, and oversees our executive compensation and benefits plans and practices.

The Compensation Committee establishes performance objectives for the CEO based on our annual business plan and long-term strategic goals approved by the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee evaluates the CEO s performance against these goals annually with input to the evaluation from all independent directors, and determines the CEO s compensation level based on the CEO s performance. The Compensation Committee solicits input from the CEO when making compensation decisions for senior executives (other than the CEO). The Compensation Committee also considers market data provided by its independent consultant, and comparisons of our performance to our peers.

The Compensation Committee has sole authority to retain and terminate independent consultants, counsel, experts and other personnel the Committee deems necessary to enable it to fully perform its duties and fulfill its responsibilities, and to determine the compensation and other terms of engagement for such consultants and experts. There are no express provisions in the Charter delegating Compensation Committee authority to any other person.

# Management s Role

The CEO recommends to the Compensation Committee individual performance goals and objectives for the executive officers (other than the CEO), and presents his conclusions and recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding base salary adjustments, short-term incentive award amounts, and restricted stock award amounts for each executive officer (other than the CEO).

The CEO, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, and Vice President of Administration present and make recommendations to the Compensation Committee relating to executive benefits, supplemental retirement and deferred compensation plans, and long-term incentive plan design and changes, if warranted.

#### Compensation Consultant s Role

The Compensation Committee engaged Mercer in 2012 to provide information, analysis and advice regarding executive and director compensation. Mercer provided the following services for the Compensation Committee during fiscal 2012: (i) advice on 2012 executive officer bonus program structure, performance goals and targets, and bonus amounts; (ii) advice on 2012 executive officer restricted stock grant award sizes and performance goals and targets; (iii) market data and recommendations on executive officer compensation; (iv) market data and

recommendations on director compensation; and (v) ongoing advice regarding the Company s executive compensation practices to advise whether any such practices should be modified to improve effectiveness or to implement best practices.

The Compensation Committee has analyzed whether the work of Mercer as a compensation consultant has raised any conflict of interest, taking into consideration the following factors: (i) the provision of other services to the Company by Mercer; (ii) the amount of fees from the Company paid to Mercer as a percentage of Mercer s total revenue; (iii) the policies and procedures of Mercer that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest; (iv) any business or personal relationship of Mercer or the individual compensation advisors employed by Mercer with an executive officer of the Company; (v) any business or personal relationship of the individual compensation advisors with any member of the Compensation Committee; and (vi) any stock of the Company owned by Mercer or the individual compensation advisors employed by Mercer. The Compensation Committee has determined, based on its analysis in light of the factors listed above, that the work of Mercer and the individual compensation advisors employed by Mercer as compensation consultants to the Company has not created any conflict of interest.

#### Market Analysis

In establishing compensation for our NEOs, the Compensation Committee takes into account compensation levels at similarly situated companies for similar positions, referred to as our peer group, as a reference point to assist in determining adjustments to base salaries, short-term cash incentive opportunities, and restricted stock grant awards. The Compensation Committee uses benchmarking as a point of reference for measurement. Benchmarking helps the Compensation Committee assess whether the individual pay components and total compensation of our NEOs are appropriate and competitive when compared to industry standards. The Company s current peer group includes the fifteen companies listed in the table below, which include three direct peers in the railcar industry; four heavy manufacturing companies; two after-market railcar products companies; three companies that lease high-value equipment; and three manufacturing companies that compete for employees in the Company s local labor markets.

#### PEER GROUP COMPANIES

Company

American Railcar Industries1

Astec Industries<sup>2</sup>

Blount<sup>5</sup>

Columbus McKinnon<sup>2</sup>

Esterline Technologies<sup>5</sup> FreightCar America<sup>1</sup>

GATX<sup>4</sup>

H&E Equipment Services<sup>4</sup>

L.B. Foster<sup>2</sup>

Schnitzer Steel Industries<sup>5</sup>

Trinity Industries1

United Rentals<sup>4</sup>

WABCO Holdings Inc.<sup>3</sup>

Wabash National<sup>2</sup>

Wabtec<sup>3</sup>

**Compensation Summaries** 

**GIC Sub-Industry** 

Construction & Farm Machinery & Heavy Trucks

Construction & Farm Machinery & Heavy Trucks

Industrial Machinery Industrial Machinery

Aerospace & Defense

Construction & Farm Machinery & Heavy Trucks

Trading Companies & Distributors Trading Companies & Distributors

Industrial Machinery

Steel

Construction & Farm Machinery & Heavy Trucks

Trading Companies & Distributors

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The Compensation Committee reviews the total annual compensation received by each executive officer, including base salary, cash bonuses, long-term incentives, accumulative realized and unrealized stock option and restricted stock gains, dollar value of perquisites and other personal benefits, and post-employment benefits, including actual current contributions by the Company to fund benefits under the Company s supplemental executive retirement plan. The Compensation Committee uses compensation summaries which include dollar amounts for each of the NEOs to facilitate this review.

For the year ended August 31, 2012, Mercer compared the compensation of the Company s NEOs to benchmarks derived from peer group compensation and data from comparative market surveys. Total compensation for Mr. Furman, Mr. Rittenbaum and Mr. Glenn is at the market median, and is between the market median and 75th percentile for Mr. Centurion and Mr. Stuckey.

# **Compensation Program Elements**

Our executive compensation program consists of: (i) base salary; (ii) variable annual cash incentives that reward NEOs for the achievement of short-term performance goals which are designed to enhance long-term shareholder value; (iii) long-term incentives in the form restricted stock awards that align the interests of NEOs with shareholders and serve as retention incentives, (iv) reasonable, competitive benefits and perquisites, and (v) reasonable, competitive retirement and other separation of service benefits. We believe that each element of our executive compensation program helps us to achieve one or more of our compensation objectives.

#### Base Salary

Our executive officers are paid a fixed base salary based on the responsibilities of their positions, the skills and experience required for the job, business performance, and labor market conditions and by reference to market median salary levels. Our NEOs salaries are reviewed periodically and adjusted as warranted by competitive market information and individual performance. In fiscal 2012, base salaries for our NEOs were generally between the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile and the median when compared to the Company s peer group. On November 1, 2011 the Compensation Committee approved an increase to Mr. Centurion s base salary from \$325,000 to \$375,000 in recognition of his performance. The Compensation Committee also approved an increase to Mr. Glenn s base salary from \$275,000 to \$305,000 effective March 1, 2012, in recognition of his

performance and competitive market information. The Compensation Committee elected to not raise base salaries for our NEOs other than Mr. Centurion and Mr. Glenn during fiscal 2012. As a result, annual base salaries for fiscal 2012 for our other NEOs remained otherwise unchanged from those effective as of September 1, 2011 and were as follows:

Named Executive Officer	2011 Base Salary	2012 Base Salary
William A. Furman	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Mark J. Rittenbaum	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000
Alejandro Centurion	\$ 325,000	\$ 375,000
Timothy A. Stuckey	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
William G. Glenn	\$ 275,000	\$ 305,000

#### Short-Term Cash Incentive Bonuses

Under our 2012 executive officer bonus program, the Compensation Committee established performance-based annual bonuses to encourage executive officers, including our NEOs, to focus on achieving Company-wide or business-unit financial performance goals and personal goals. Payment of executive officer bonuses is contingent on the Company achieving a threshold level of Corporate Adjusted EBITDA. The Compensation Committee established Corporate Adjusted EBITDA and Corporate Working Capital performance goals for our NEOs whose responsibilities span the entire Company, namely Mr. Furman, Mr. Rittenbaum and Mr. Glenn. For those NEOs who head specific business units, namely Mr. Centurion (Greenbrier Manufacturing Operations, GMO) and Mr. Stuckey (Greenbrier Rail Services, GRS), in addition to the Corporate Adjusted EBITDA goal, the Compensation Committee established Unit Pre-Tax Earnings and Unit Working Capital performance goals tied to the specific business unit headed by each such NEO.

Corporate Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA (before bonuses) as reported in the Company s quarterly financial disclosures, as adjusted for special and non-recurring items, in the discretion of the Compensation Committee. Working Capital is defined in terms of increased efficiency in usage of working capital measured by the number of days it takes to convert working capital to cash in each of our business segments, taking into account the ramping up of business activities. The Adjusted EBITDA, Working Capital, Unit Pre-Tax Earnings and Unit Working Capital goals were set based upon the Company s 2012 internal budget and forecast at the time the targets were established.

We do not disclose our internal budget or forecast for results of operations, including budgeted or forecasted EBITDA, Pre-Tax Earnings or Working Capital goals at the corporate or business unit level, as we believe that disclosure of that information, whether with respect to historical periods or future periods, would cause us competitive harm by disclosing to competitors key elements of our internal projections. We set Adjusted EBITDA, Working Capital, Unit Pre-Tax Earnings and Unit Working Capital goals at levels that the Compensation Committee considered challenging but achievable based on conditions at that time, including improved revenue and sales forecasts from fiscal 2011. We set goals that were sufficiently challenging to maximize performance of the Company s employees, but that were sufficiently achievable to motivate our employees to perform at high levels. The Compensation Committee determined that the expected probability of achieving the target levels for each of the performance goals described above was 60%.

The individual target award opportunities are a percentage of base salary earned during the fiscal year. Actual payouts may be above or below the target award opportunity based on a combination of performance against the financial goals, with Corporate Adjusted EBITDA weighted 75% and Corporate Working Capital weighted 25% for Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum and Glenn. For Messrs. Stuckey and Centurion Corporate Adjusted EBITDA weighted 30%, Unit Pre-Tax Earnings weighted 45% and Unit Working Capital weighted 25%. Payout amounts are established at threshold, target and stretch levels of performance, and are interpolated for performance between such levels. The potential payment levels for each NEO based on financial performance goals, as a percentage of base salary were as follows:

Named Executive Officer	Performance Level			
	Threshold	Target	Stretch	
William A. Furman	50%	100%	200%	
Mark J. Rittenbaum	30%	60%	120%	
Alejandro Centurion	30%	60%	120%	
Timothy A. Stuckey	30%	60%	120%	
William G. Glenn	30%	60%	120%	

In addition, each NEO has the opportunity to earn up to an additional 25% of his target bonus amount based on achievement of personal goals.

To achieve competitive target total cash compensation levels, the Compensation Committee examines the median of the range of short-term cash incentives and target total cash compensation for executives in similar positions with similar responsibilities at comparable companies. Total target cash compensation for the Company s NEOs, assuming target performance of corporate and unit performance goals and 80% achievement of personal goals, was at or above the market median for each NEO and was between the market median and 75th percentile overall.

The Company achieved Corporate Adjusted EBITDA for 2012 that resulted in the payment of cash incentive bonuses. As noted above, we achieved between the target and stretch levels of Corporate Adjusted EBITDA performance and the between the threshold and target levels of Corporate Working Capital performance. At the business unit level, GMO achieved the between the target and stretch levels of Unit Pre-Tax Earnings but did not achieve the threshold level of Unit Working Capital. GRS achieved between the threshold and target levels of Unit Pre-Tax Earnings and achieved in excess of the stretch level of Unit Working Capital performance.

In order to motivate NEOs to attain specific goals in support of the Company s strategic plans and priorities, the Compensation Committee established personal goals for each NEO. Mr. Furman s goals included strategic expansion of production capacity, capital structure planning, and human resources recruitment and development goals. Mr. Rittenbaum s goals included analysis and recommendations for accounting operation improvements, execution of leasing operations strategic plans, development of management incentive plans, development and implementation of recommendations regarding executive compensation plans and practices, and increased engagement with commercial and operational business units. Mr. Centurion s goals included GMO safety and quality performance measures, capacity expansion planning, and execution of GMO s business improvement plan. Mr. Stuckey s goals included GRS safety goals, gross margin improvements, human resources initiatives, implementation of improvements in parts sourcing, and achievement of specific customer contract requirements. Mr. Glenn s goals included railcar sales and leasing goals, tank car strategy development, implementation of sales and marketing plans, and succession planning in Europe and other strategic efforts.

Based on achievement of financial and personal performance goals during fiscal 2012, our NEOs were awarded the following cash incentive bonuses:

	2012	Cash Incentive
Named Executive Officer	Bo	onus Award
William A. Furman	\$	1,004,648
Mark J. Rittenbaum	\$	290,145
Alejandro Centurion	\$	319,013
Timothy A. Stuckey	\$	234,320
William G. Glenn	\$	230,904

Long-Term Incentives Restricted Stock Awards

The objectives of our long-term incentive program are to link executive compensation and our long-term performance, align key employees with our business strategies and with our shareholders interests, and provide opportunity for long-term compensation that is competitive with peer companies and sufficient to attract and retain executive talent to effectively manage our business objectives. Our practice is to grant long-term incentive awards annually at our regularly scheduled Compensation Committee meeting in April of each year, although the Compensation Committee has authority to make grants at other times, such as hiring grants or in other special circumstances. In April 2012, the Compensation Committee granted restricted stock awards to executive officers, including our NEOs. The Compensation Committee did not make any other restricted stock awards to executive officers during fiscal 2012.

Half of the shares granted in each individual restricted stock award are subject to time-based vesting and half of the shares are subject to performance-based vesting. The time-based shares will vest in equal annual installments over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary following the date of the grant. The performance-based shares will vest, in whole or in part, contingent upon achievement of the Company's goals relating to Adjusted EBITDA and Return on Equity (ROE) during the 30-month measurement period beginning on March 1. 2012 and ending on August 31, 2014. The performance goals are weighted, with vesting of 70% of the performance-based shares being dependent upon performance against the Adjusted EBITDA criteria, and vesting of 30% of the performance-based shares being dependent upon performance against the ROE goal. Vesting of shares related to each performance goal will be considered independently. Threshold, target and stretch performance levels are established for each of the Adjusted EBITDA and ROE goals. If the Company achieves the threshold level of performance on a goal (which is 90% of the target level goal), then 50% of the performance-based shares tied to that goal will vest (i.e., 35% of the performance-based shares, if threshold performance is achieved for the Adjusted EBITDA goal, and 15% of the performance-based shares if threshold performance is achieved for the ROE goal). If the Company achieves the target level of performance on a goal, 100% of the performance-based shares tied to that goal will vest. Stretch goals also have been established at 125% of the adjusted EBITDA and ROE goals. If the Company achieves a stretch goal, then as soon as administratively practicable following the end of the relevant performance period, the Company will grant an additional stock award to each named executive officer in a number of shares equal to 100% of the number of performance-based shares awarded to the named executive officer with respect to such goal, which additional shares will be fully vested when issued. Restricted stock vesting will be interpolated for performance between threshold and target, and any award of additional shares will be interpolated for performance between target and stretch goals.

The value of fiscal 2012 restricted stock awards for Mr. Furman, Mr. Rittenbaum and Mr. Glenn was slightly below the market median, and was between the market median and the 75th percentile for Mr. Centurion and Mr. Stuckey, if the performance-based shares are earned at the target level. Our NEOs were awarded the following number of shares of restricted stock in fiscal 2012:

Named Executive Officer	Fiscal 2012 Restricted Stock Awards			
	Time-Vested	Performance-Vested		
	Shares	Shares		
William A. Furman	40,000	40,000		
Mark J. Rittenbaum	11,250	11,250		
Alejandro Centurion	10,000	10,000		
Timothy A. Stuckey	7,000	7,000		
William G. Glenn	9,000	9,000		

**Executive Retirement and Insurance Benefits** 

### Supplemental Retirement Benefits

In 2012, the Compensation Committee terminated the Greenbrier Leasing Company LLC Manager Owned Target Benefit Plan (the Target Benefit Plan ), in which certain of the Company s executive officers, including all NEOs other than Mr. Furman and Mr. Glenn participated. The Target Benefit Plan required the Company to make tax gross-up payments to participants to defray the income tax consequences of the Company s purchase of individual annuities which were owned by participants. The Compensation Committee s decision to terminate the Target Benefit Plan and eliminate all tax gross-up payments in its executive compensation plans and programs was in partial response to the concerns expressed by the Company s shareholders, as reflected in the results of the Company s first advisory vote on Say-on-Pay.

The Company maintains a Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan which permits selected participants to elect to defer a portion of their base salary in excess of amounts that may be deferred under the Company s tax-qualified 401(k) plan, and bonus and restricted stock awards, and to direct the investment of amounts credited to their accounts among a range of investment options similar to those available under the Company s 401(k) plan. The Company s executive officers, including its NEOs, are eligible to participate in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Centurion elected to participate in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan in 2012; the Company s other NEOs did not participate in the Plan.

In 2012, the Company amended its Nonqualified Deferred Compensation plan to add a target benefit program component, under which the Company may make tax-deferred employer contributions on behalf of executive officers who previously participated in the Target Benefit Plan. The Company intends to make discretionary employer contributions on behalf of such executive officers, including its NEOs other than Mr. Furman and Mr. Glenn, under the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, designed to provide supplemental retirement benefits to such executives in an amount equal to 50% of the executive s final base salary as of the earlier of retirement or age 65. No level of contributions is required under the target benefit program component of the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, and no level of supplemental retirement benefits is guaranteed to executives.

A final contribution was made to the Target Benefit Plan in January 2012, in respect of the plan year ended December 31, 2011. No further contributions will be made to the Target Benefit Plan in the future.

## Executive Life Insurance

The Company provides an executive life insurance program to certain executive officers, including its NEOs other than Mr. Furman. In 2012, the Company restructured its executive life insurance program to eliminate tax gross-up payments to executive officers. Under the restructured program, the Company will own life insurance policies insuring the executives lives, and will endorse the right to the death benefit to the executive. Upon termination of the executive s employment, the Company will transfer ownership of the policy to the executive, resulting in taxable income to the executive at the time of transfer. The death benefit coverage provided to executives under the restructured program and the expected policy value at age 62 or 65, as applicable, are

unchanged from the prior program. Each NEO other than Mr. Furman participates in the executive life insurance program. Mr. Rittenbaum, Mr. Centurion and Mr. Stuckey each have a death benefit amount of \$1 million and a target aggregate after-tax cash surrender value at age 62 of \$200,000, and Mr. Glenn has a death benefit amount of \$750,000 and a target aggregate after-tax cash surrender value at age 62 of \$125,000.

# Supplemental Retirement Benefit for William A. Furman

Mr. Furman has not received supplemental retirement benefits under the Company s Target Benefit Plan and will not receive such benefits under the target benefit program component of the Company s amended Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Furman also does not participate in the Company s executive life insurance program. Mr. Furman s sole supplemental retirement income benefit is made under the terms of his employment agreement with the Company, which provides for a supplemental retirement benefit payment of \$407,000 per year, payable until Mr. Furman attains age 70 (Mr. Furman s current age is 68, thus only two more benefit payments will be made). The entire \$407,000 payment is taxable income to Mr. Furman. As part of his personal financial and retirement planning, Mr. Furman has elected to use the retirement income benefit to purchase a life insurance policy held by a life insurance trust, and has instructed the Company to remit \$185,000 of the payment to the trustee of a life insurance trust, to be used to pay the premiums on a life insurance policy insuring his life, and to remit the remainder, \$222,000 to the appropriate state and federal tax authorities to defray the income taxes resulting from the retirement income benefit payment. Mr. Furman make revoke such instructions at any time, at his discretion. In its review of the Company s executive compensation policies and practices during 2012 the Compensation Committee considered eliminating this supplemental retirement benefit for Mr. Furman. The Committee reviewed Mr. Furman s total compensation package and determined that his total compensation is reasonable and below the CEO peer median and is appropriately weighted toward at-risk rather than fixed pay. The Compensation Committee determined that elimination of the supplemental retirement benefit is unwarranted, based on these factors and in view of the facts that Mr. Furman does not receive any other form of supplemental retirement income or executive life insurance benefit from the Company, the benefit was negotiated in lieu of any other supplemental retirement income or executive life insurance benefits, and has been an important component of his financial and retirement planning for many years, the benefit is time-limited, and the benefit is unique and will not be replicated for other executives.

#### Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits

The Company provides executive officers with perquisites and other personal benefits that the Company and the Compensation Committee believe are reasonable and consistent with its overall compensation program goal of enabling the Company to attract, retain, and motivate employees for key positions. The Company is selective in its use of perquisites, utilizing perquisites that are commonly provided, the value of which is generally modest. The Company does not provide tax gross-ups for perquisites or personal benefits. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the levels of perquisites provided to executive officers. The primary perquisites are use of Company-owned automobiles or automobile allowances, and payment of club membership dues. The Company may assist selected transferred or newly hired executives in selling their homes, in order to facilitate a successful relocation of the executive, pursuant to its Executive Home Sale Assistance Program.

# **Additional Compensation Matters**

# **Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines**

During 2012, the Compensation Committee approved Executive Officer Stock Ownership Guidelines, pursuant to which each executive officer of the Company is expected to acquire and retain holdings of Company stock with a value equal to a multiple of the executive s base salary, which multiples vary depending upon the executive officer s position with the Company, and, for the Company s named executive officers, range from two- to five-times base salary. Executive officers are expected to achieve compliance with the guidelines within five years of the date of adoption of the guidelines or appointment as an executive officer, whichever is later, and to retain at least 50% of the number of shares acquired through compensatory stock awards, net of the number of shares applied to the payment of taxes, until the guidelines are met.

The guideline applicable to each of the Company s NEOs is as follows:

Named Executive Officer	Salary Multiple
William A. Furman	5X
Mark J. Rittenbaum	2.5X
Timothy A. Stuckey	2X
Alejandro Centurion	2X
William G. Glenn	2X

# Non-Employee Director Stock Ownership Guidelines

During fiscal 2012, the Board of Directors adopted Non-Employee Director Stock Ownership Guidelines, pursuant to which each member of the Company s Board of Directors who is not an employee is expected to acquire and retain holdings of Company stock with a value equal to three times the director annual cash retainer. Directors are expected to achieve compliance with the guidelines within five years of the date of adoption of the guidelines or the date of becoming a director, whichever is later, and to retain at least 75% of the number of shares awarded as director compensation, net of the number of shares applied to the payment of taxes, until the guidelines are met.

### Adjustment or Recovery of Awards

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ) requires companies to adopt a policy that will recapture excess incentive compensation that was paid to certain executives based on erroneous financial statements ( claw-back ). The Dodd-Frank Act mandates the SEC to issue rules implementing the claw-back requirements. The Company intends to adopt a formal claw-back policy when the SEC promulgates the final rules. The Company believes it is prudent and efficient to ensure that it adopts a policy in proper form that is fully compliant with the law and final rules, rather than implementing a policy that may require amendment when the final rules are promulgated. In the meantime, the Company has included a provision in the amended and restated employment agreements entered into with each executive officer that has such an agreement, acknowledging that compensation payable under such agreements is subject to any claw-back policy adopted by the Company.

### **Tax Deductibility of Executive Compensation**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally limits to \$1,000,000 per person the amount that we may deduct for compensation paid in any year to any of the NEOs other than the Company s Chief Financial Officer. Some of our compensation programs currently do not qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) because the performance criteria have not been submitted to or approved by the Company s shareholders. As a result, a portion of the compensation paid to Mr. Furman, Mr. Centurion, Mr. Glenn and Mr. Stuckey for fiscal 2012 will not be deductible by us.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

As required by Item 407(e)(5) of Regulation S-K, the Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with the Company s management the above section entitled Compensation Discussion and Analysis prepared by the Company s management as required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K. Based on the review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2012.

October 30, 2012

Graeme A. Jack, Chairman

Duane C. McDougall

Victoria McManus

Charles J. Swindells

Donald A. Washburn

Benjamin R. Whiteley

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table summarizes the compensation of the named executive officers for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2012. The named executive officers are William A. Furman, Mark J. Rittenbaum, Alejandro Centurion, Timothy A. Stuckey and William G. Glenn. Mr. Glenn was not a named executive officer in 2011. The Company did not grant any stock options to the named executive officers in 2012. The Company does not maintain any defined benefit or actuarial pension plan, and its new nonqualified deferred compensation plan does not pay or provide for preferential or above-market earnings. Accordingly, a column for such elements of compensation is not included in the Summary Compensation Table

					Non-Equity Incentive	All	
		Colomy	Bonus <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	Plan Compensation <sup>(1)</sup>	Other Compensation <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Dollus (\$)	Awarus (\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
William A. Furman	2012	750,000(4)	-0-	1,624,800	1,004,648	433,972	3,813,420
President and Chief	2011	452,813	279,000	1,352,400	N/A	442,630	2,526,843
Executive Officer	2010	375,000	N/A	-0-	-0-	443,850	818,850
Mark J. Rittenbaum	2012	375,000	-0-	456,975	290,145	93,110	1,215,230
Executive Vice President and	2011	280,704	97,470	383,200	N/A	41,581	802,955
Chief Financial Officer	2010	249,375	-0-	155,870	N/A	41,425	446,670
Alejandro Centurion	2012	366,667	-0-	406,200	319,013	140,881	1,232,761
President, Greenbrier	2011	306,094	109,200	287,400	N/A	65,724	768,418
Manufacturing Operations	2010	249,375	-0-	125,895	N/A	62,082	437,352
Timothy A. Stuckey	2012	275,000	-0-	284,340	234,320	147,016	940,676
President, Greenbrier	2011	245,136	59,280	239,500	N/A	76,535	620,451
Rail Services	2010	227,500	-0-	125,895	N/A	79,264	432,659
William G. Glenn	2012	290,000	-0-	365,580	230,904	68,157	954,641
Senior Vice President,	2010	216,000	-0-	125,895	N/A	33,340	375,235
Strategic Planning and							
Chief Commercial Officer							

- (1) Represents short-term cash incentive bonuses earned by each named executive officer under the fiscal 2012 executive officer bonus program. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Short-Term Incentives Cash Bonuses. The Company did not pay any bonuses during fiscal 2009 or 2010. Because the Company s short-term incentive program for fiscal 2011 included substantial discretionary features, short-term cash incentives are reported in the bonus column of the Summary Compensation Table for that year.
- Represents the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. For purposes of valuation of stock awards, we assume that no shares will be forfeited and performance goals will be achieved at target levels. These amounts reflect the grant date fair value (\$20.31 per share on the April 2, 2012 date of grant), and may not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the named executive officers. One-half of each restricted stock grant is time-vested and will vest in annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, based on continued employment with the Company. One-half of each restricted stock grant is performance-vested. For the performance-vested shares, the grant date fair value is calculated based on the target number of shares which, as of the grant date, was the estimated number of shares to be issued. If the Company achieves its stretch performance goals as of the end of the performance period, each NEO will receive an additional grant of fully vested shares equal to the number of performance-vested shares awarded during fiscal year 2012. Such additional shares, if issued, will be valued as of the date of issuance. If, for purposes of this footnote, the maximum number of shares issuable under the performance-vested share awards, including such additional shares (valued as of the date of the original award because the share value as of the date of issuance after the end of the performance period received is not known at this time), had been used in this calculation in lieu of the target number of shares, the amounts in the table for fiscal 2012 would have been \$2,437,200 for Mr. Furman, \$685,463 for Mr. Rittenbaum, \$609,300 for Mr. Centurion,

\$426,510 for Mr. Stuckey and \$548,370 for Mr. Glenn.

- (3) See All Other Compensation Table for Fiscal 2012 below for detail on amounts included in this column, which include perquisites, the Company s final contributions to and tax reimbursement payments under the since-terminated Target Benefit Plan, Company match on executive contributions to the 401(k) plan, executive life insurance program benefits and various other compensation amounts.
- The increase in Mr. Furman s base salary from 2010 to 2012 is a result of the fact that he voluntarily took a 50% reduction in salary in 2009 during the downturn in the economy, which was partially restored in 2011 and fully restored in 2012, when the Company s performance significantly recovered.

#### All Other Compensation Table for Fiscal 2012

	Perquisites						
	and	Target	401(k)	Executive	Tax		
	Personal	Benefit Plan	Matching	Life	Reimbursement		
	Benefits	Contributions	Contributions <sup>(2)</sup>	Insurance	<b>Payments</b>	Other	Total
Name	(\$)	<b>(\$)</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	(\$)	$(\$)^{(3)}$	<b>(\$)</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	(\$)	(\$)
William A. Furman	26,972(5)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	$407,000^{(6)}$	433,972
Mark J. Rittenbaum	$2,345^{(5)}$	32,702	8,879	11,000	38,184	-0-	93,110
Alejandro Centurion	$19,790^{(5)}$	43,921	6,875	17,000	53,295	-0-	140,881
Timothy A. Stuckey	10,791 <sup>(5)</sup>	43,010	8,293	25,100	59,822	-0-	147,016
William G. Glenn	43,225(5)	N/A	9,708	8,000	7,224	-0-	68,157

- (1) These amounts represent the Company s final contributions under the Target Benefit Plan made in January 2012 on behalf of the named executive officers, with respect to the plan year ended December 31, 2011. The Target Benefit Plan was terminated during fiscal 2012 and no further contributions will be made on behalf of the named executive officers under that plan.
- (2) These amounts represent the Company s matching contribution to each named executive officers 401(k) plan account.
- (3) These amounts represent the taxable income related to payment of premiums for individual life insurance for the benefit of the executives.
- (4) These amounts represent cash payments made in May 2012 on behalf of named executive officers to cover the estimated tax liability resulting from the taxable income attributable to the named executive officers under the Executive Life Insurance program, and (other than for Mr. Glenn, who did not participate in the Target Benefit Plan) the final tax gross-up payments made under the Target Benefit Plan, which was terminated in 2012. A revised executive life insurance program was approved in August 2012 pursuant to which tax gross-up payments have been eliminated.
- (5) Includes payments made on behalf of: Mr. Furman of \$5,101 for use of a Company car, \$15,700 for financial, investment and tax advisors and \$6,171 for club dues; Mr. Rittenbaum of \$2,345 for use of a Company car; Mr. Centurion of \$13,200 for car allowance, \$3,950 for tax advisors and \$2,640 for club dues; Mr. Stuckey of \$3,578 for use of a Company car and \$7,213 for club dues; and Mr. Glenn of \$13,200 for car allowance, and \$30,025 for club initiation fees and dues.
- (6) Consists of supplemental retirement benefit of \$407,000 provided for under Mr. Furman s employment agreement. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Supplemental Retirement Benefit for William A. Furman.

#### Grants of Plan-Based Awards in Fiscal 2012

		Non	Future Payo -Equity Ince Plan Awards	entive	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup>		n Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock
		Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum S	tock or Units <sup>(3)</sup>	Awards
Name	<b>Grant Date</b>	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(\$) <sup>(4)</sup>
William A. Furman	4-2-12	375,000	750,000	1,687,500	20,000	40,000	80,000	40,000	1,624,800
Mark J. Rittenbaum	4-2-12	112,500	225,000	506,250	5,625	11,250	22,500	11,250	456,975
Alejandro Centurion	4-2-12	110,000	220,000	495,000	5,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	406,200
Timothy A. Stuckey	4-2-12	82,500	165,000	371,250	3,500	7,000	14,000	7,000	284,340
William G. Glenn	4-2-12	87,000	174,000	391,500	4,500	9,000	18,000	9,000	365,580

- (1) All amounts reported in these columns represent potential payout amounts under the fiscal 2012 executive officer bonus program, if performance had been achieved at the threshold, target or stretch goal levels. Target amounts are set as a percentage of base salary; threshold amounts are equal to 50% of target amounts; and maximum amounts are equal to 200% of target amounts, plus an amount equal to 25% of the target amounts which can be earned based on personal goals. Actual short-term incentive awards earned during fiscal 2012 are reported in the Summary Compensation Table in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column.
- All amounts reported in these columns represent the portion of restricted stock awards that are performance-vested. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Incentive-Restricted Stock Awards.
- (3) Represents time-vested restricted stock grants, which vest ratably over three years, subject to continued employment. Vesting may be accelerated in certain circumstances, as described under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control.
- (4) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock grants computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. The grant date fair value of the performance-vested shares is based on the target number of shares issuable under the award, estimated to be the probable outcome of the performance conditions as of the grant date, multiplied by the closing market price of the Company s Common Stock on the grant date.

## Material Terms of Employment Agreements and Other Arrangements

The Company has employment agreements with each of the named executive officers except Mr. Glenn. Effective August 28, 2012, all executive officers with employment agreements, including Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion and Stuckey voluntarily entered into amended and restated employment agreements that eliminated all modified single-trigger change of control provisions (also referred to as walk-away rights), and eliminated tax gross-up payments under the executive life insurance provisions. Mr. Glenn does not have an employment agreement with the Company, but is party to a change of control agreement with the Company. Effective August 28, 2012 Mr. Glenn voluntarily entered into an amended and restated change of control agreement that eliminated the modified single-trigger walk-away right under his change of control agreement.

The Company entered into a revised form of employment agreement with each of its executive officers who have employment agreements, which substantially standardized the terms of the Company's employment agreements with its executive officers other than Mr. Furman. The material terms of the amended and restated employment agreements (i) revise the definitions of termination for cause and good reason to minimize subjective determinations, (ii) provide for continued participation in the Company's supplemental retirement program for two years in the event of termination of employment within two years following a change of control, (iii) change the pro-rated bonus component of severance pay to the greater of the executive starget annual bonus or the average of the executive stwo most recent annual bonuses, (iv) include a one-year post-termination non-competition covenant, and (v) require the executive officer to execute a full release of claims, as a condition to the receipt of any severance benefits.

The employment agreements with the named executive officers provide for certain payments and benefits in the event the executive s employment is terminated by the Company without cause and provide for payments and benefits in the event that the executive is terminated following a change in control of the Company. Details of the payments and benefits triggered by different termination events are discussed and disclosed in tabular format under the heading Potential Post-Termination Payments, following the Equity Compensation Plan Information table.

#### **Restricted Stock Grants**

During fiscal 2012 the Company granted restricted stock awards of 80,000 shares to Mr. Furman, 22,500 shares to Mr. Rittenbaum, 20,000 shares to Mr. Centurion, 14,000 shares to Mr. Stuckey and 18,000 shares to Mr. Glenn. Half of the shares granted in each individual restricted stock award are subject to time-based vesting and half of the shares are subject to performance-based vesting, as described more fully in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, under the heading Long-Term Incentives Restricted Stock Awards. Vesting of unvested shares will accelerate in the event of termination of the named executive officer s employment under certain circumstances, as described below.

Restricted Stock Subject to Time Vesting Provisions. All unvested shares of restricted stock subject to time vesting provisions (time-based shares) held by Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn will automatically vest upon death, disability or retirement. In addition, all time-based shares held by Messrs. Furman, Centurion, Rittenbaum and Stuckey will immediately vest upon the Company s termination of the executive other than for cause (as defined in the executives respective employment agreements). In the event of a termination of employment during the two-year period following a change of control of the Company (as defined in the executives respective employment agreements and, in the case of Mr. Glenn, change of control agreement), all time-based shares held by Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn will vest, if the termination is by the Company other than for cause or by the executive for good reason (as such terms are defined in the executives respective employment agreements).

Restricted Stock Subject to Performance Vesting Provisions. All unvested shares of restricted stock subject to performance vesting provisions (performance-based shares) held by Messrs. Furman, Centurion, Rittenbaum, Stuckey and Glenn will automatically vest upon death or disability. Under the terms of grant agreements for restricted stock awards made beginning in July 2011 and thereafter, in the event that Mr. Furman, Mr. Centurion, Mr. Rittenbaum, Mr. Stuckey or Mr. Glenn retires prior to the end of the applicable performance period, a pro rata portion of performance-based shares held by such executive will vest at the target level, based upon the Company s achievement of the time-adjusted performance goal as of the date of his retirement. Performance-based restricted stock awards made prior to July 2011 do not provide for any early pro rata vesting in the event of retirement prior to the end of the performance period.

During fiscal 2012, the Compensation Committee approved revisions to the provisions governing vesting of performance-based shares in the event of a change of control, in the Company s standard form of Restricted Share Agreement. Under the terms of the Restricted Share Agreements that govern awards made to Messrs. Furman, Centurion, Rittenbaum, Stuckey and Glenn in fiscal 2011, the performance-based shares will immediately vest in the event of a change of control that occurs prior to August 31, 2013, regardless of whether the performance criteria have been met. Under the terms of the revised Restricted Share Agreements that govern awards made to Messrs. Furman, Centurion, Rittenbaum, Stuckey and Glenn in fiscal 2012, the performance-based shares will automatically convert into time-based shares in the event of a change of control, and will vest in equal monthly installments over the 30-month period beginning March 1, 2012 and ending August 31, 2014. In the event that the executive s employment is terminated without cause or for good reason within two years following the change of control, vesting of the converted time-based shares would accelerate, pursuant to the terms of the executive s employment agreement or change of control agreement, as applicable.

#### Outstanding Equity Awards at August 31, 2012

Equity Incentive Plan Awards:	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or
Number of Unearned Shares, Units Number of Shares or Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that Have Units of Stock that Not Have Have Not	Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights that
Vested Not Vested Vested	<b>Have Not Vested</b>
Name (#) (\$) (#)	(\$)
William A. Furman 10,000 <sup>(1)</sup> 144,500 15,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	108,375
$10,000^{(3)}$ $144,500$ $15,000^{(5)}$	108,375
$40,000^{(8)}   578,000   40,000^{(9)}$	289,000
Mark J. Rittenbaum 5,333 <sup>(1)</sup> 77,062 8,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	57,800
$2,000^{(4)}$ $28,900$ $11,250^{(9)}$	81,281
2,166 <sup>(6)</sup> 31,299	
11,250 <sup>(8)</sup> 162,563	
Alejandro Centurion 4,000 <sup>(1)</sup> 57,800 6,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	43,350
$1,750^{(6)}$ $25,288$ $10,000^{(9)}$	72,250
800 <sup>(7)</sup> 11,560	
$10,000^{(8)}$ $144,500$	
Timothy A. Stuckey 3,333 <sup>(1)</sup> 48,162 5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	36,125
$1,750^{(6)}$ $25,288$ $7,000^{(9)}$	50,575
800 <sup>(7)</sup> 11,560	·
7,000 <sup>(8)</sup> 101,150	
William G. Glenn 3,333 <sup>(1)</sup> 48,162 5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	36,125
$1,750^{(6)}$ $25,288$ $9,000^{(9)}$	65,025
800 <sup>(7)</sup> 11,560	, ,
$9,000^{(8)}$ 130,050	

- (1) Restricted stock awards for each of Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn granted on May 25, 2011 and vest over a period of three years in annual increments of 33 percent of each award beginning one year from grant date.
- (2) Restricted stock awards for each of Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn granted on May 25, 2011 and subject to vesting contingent on the achievement of performance targets as of August 31, 2013. The number of shares and payout value for these awards are calculated based on achieving threshold performance goals, which would result in 50% of the subject shares vesting.
- (3) Restricted stock award for Mr. Furman granted on July 6, 2011 and vests over a period of three years in annual increments of 33 percent of each award beginning one year from grant date.
- Restricted stock award for Mr. Rittenbaum was granted on January 8, 2008 and vests over a period of five years in annual increments of 20 percent of each award beginning one year from grant date.
- (5) Restricted stock award for Mr. Furman granted on July 6, 2011 and subject to vesting contingent on the achievement of performance targets as of August 31, 2013. The number of shares and payout value for this award are calculated based on achieving threshold performance goals, which would result in 50% of the subject shares vesting.

- (6) Restricted stock awards for each of Messrs. Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn were granted on April 5, 2010 and vest over a period of three years in annual increments of 33 percent of each award beginning one year from grant date.
- (7) Restricted stock awards for each of Messrs. Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn were granted on April 7, 2008 and vest over a period of five years in annual increments of 20 percent of each award beginning one year from grant date.
- (8) Restricted stock awards for each of Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn granted on April 2, 2012 and vest over a period of three years in annual increments of 33 percent of each award beginning one year from grant date.
- (9) Restricted stock awards for each of Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion, Stuckey and Glenn granted on April 2, 2012 and subject to vesting contingent on the achievement of performance targets as of August 31, 2014. The number of shares and payout value for these awards are calculated based on achieving threshold performance goals, which would result in 50% of the subject shares vesting.

#### **Stock Vested During Fiscal 2012**

		ck Awards
	Number of Shares Acquired	Value Realized On Vesting of Shares During the Year Ended
	on	tne Year Ended
	Vesting	August 31, 2012
Name	(#)	(\$)
William A. Furman	110,000	1,907,150
Mark J. Rittenbaum	65,334	1,159,919
Alejandro Centurion	35,800	628,768
Timothy A. Stuckey	35,967	633,858
William G. Glenn	41.467	729.283

## **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

Nama	Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year	Registrant Contributions in Last Fiscal Year	Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year	Aggregate withdrawals/ Distributions	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE
Name	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Alejandro Centurion	6,510	-0-	348	-0-	17,076

**Equity Compensation Plan Information** 

The following table provides certain information as of August 31, 2012 with respect to our equity compensation plans under which our equity securities are authorized for issuance.

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
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders <sup>(1)</sup>	None	N/A	259.650(1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	None	N/A	None

Shares available under the 2010 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan. If the proposed increase to the shares reserved being submitted to the shareholders for approval in this Proxy is approved, the number of shares available for future issuance will be 1,759,650.

Potential Post-Termination Payments

#### Benefits Triggered upon Termination Following a Change of Control

Amended and restated employment agreements entered into with all of the Named Executive Officers except Mr. Glenn effective August 28, 2012 provide for certain benefits to these officers if the officer s employment is terminated by us without cause or by the officer for good reason within 24 months after a change in control of the Company. Mr. Glenn has a change of control agreement that provides for substantially the same benefits upon his termination of employment under these scenarios.

In the above-described agreements, the definition of change of control generally is defined to include the acquisition by any individual, entity or group of 30 percent or more of our stock, consummation of a merger or consolidation that results in 50 percent or more of our stock being owned by persons who were not stockholders prior to the transaction, a sale of substantially all of our assets, the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or replacement of a majority of the members of the Board by individuals whose nomination, election or appointment was not approved by the incumbent Board.

The definitions of cause and good reason were modified under the terms of the amended and restated employment agreements and under the change of control agreement for Mr. Glenn, in order to minimize the

likelihood of subjective determinations of whether such grounds exist, in the event of termination following change of control. The definition of cause was modified in the amended and restated agreements to be limited to the conviction of or a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or gross misdemeanor under federal or state law which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company or which impairs the executive s ability to perform substantially the executive s duties for the Company. The definition of good reason was modified in the amended and restated agreements and generally is defined to include a change in title, position or responsibilities that does not represent a promotion, a decrease in base salary exceeding 5%, a decrease in annual bonus opportunity exceeding 20%, and a home office relocation of over 30 miles.

The following table shows the estimated change of control benefits that would have been payable to the Named Executive Officers if a change of control (as defined in the applicable agreement) had occurred on August 31, 2012 and, except as noted, each officer s employment had been terminated on that date either by us without cause or by the officer with good reason.

	Cash	Annual	Restricted	Annual			280G
	Severance Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Insurance Continuation <sup>(2)</sup>	Stock Acceleration (3)	Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	Other <sup>(6)</sup>	T. 4.1	Capped Amount <sup>(7)</sup>
Name	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)	(\$)
William A. Furman	4,175,472	5,316	1,878,500	407,000	26,400	6,492,688	3,607,293
Mark J. Rittenbaum	1,422,019	21,524	577,986	104,137	26,400	2,152,066	1,758,173
Alejandro Centurion	1,472,766	31,280	470,348	128,802	26,400	2,129,596	1,811,887
Timothy A. Stuckey	1,054,500	30,416	359,559	54,589	26,400	1,525,464	1,593,545
William G. Glenn	1,157,105	22,280	417,359	N/A	N/A	1,596,744	997,069

- (1) Cash Severance Benefit. The employment agreement with Mr. Furman provides for a payment equal to three times the sum of his current base salary plus the average of the two most recent annual bonuses received by Mr. Furman. The employment agreements with Mr. Rittenbaum, Mr. Centurion and Mr. Stuckey and the change of control agreement with Mr. Glenn provide for a payment equal to two and one half times the sum of their current base salary plus the average of the two most recent annual bonuses received by the executive. All payments are to be made in a single lump sum within 30 days after the date of termination, unless a delay in payment is required in order to comply with the requirements of section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (2) **Insurance Continuation**. If cash severance benefits are triggered, the employment agreements with Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion and Stuckey also provide that we will pay the cost of all health and welfare benefits paid for by us at the time of termination for up to 24 months following the termination of employment. The employment agreement with Mr. Furman further provides for continuation of health insurance benefits for Mr. Furman and his spouse until he reaches age 75. The amounts in the table above represent 12 months of life and health insurance premium payments at the rates paid by us for each of these officers as of August 31, 2012.
- (3) **Restricted Stock Acceleration.** In the event of a change of control of the Company (as defined in the executives respective employment agreements), all shares held by Messrs. Furman, Centurion, Rittenbaum and Stuckey will vest upon the Company's termination of the executive other than for cause or the executive s termination of his employment for good reason (as such terms are defined in the executives respective employment agreements) during the two-year period following the change of control, with performance-based shares vesting at the target performance level. Under Mr. Glenn's change of control agreement, restricted stock awards will vest upon termination of Mr. Glenn's employment by the Company other than for cause or disability or Mr. Glenn's termination of his employment for good reason during the change of control period, as such terms are defined in the agreement.

The amounts in the table above represent the number of shares of unvested restricted stock multiplied by a stock price of \$14.45 per share, which was the closing price of our Common Stock on August 31, 2012. The expense that the Company would record would differ from the amount above as under FASB ASC Topic 718 the amount of unamortized expense is based upon the stock price as of the date of grant, rather than as of the date of vesting.

- (4) **Retirement Income Benefit.** Pursuant to his employment agreement, the Company will make an annual payment to or on behalf of Mr. Furman in the amount of \$407,000 until he attains age 70, regardless of whether Mr. Furman s employment terminates prior to that date. This benefit is provided in place of any executive life insurance or other supplemental retirement benefit.
- (5) **Supplemental Retirement Benefits**. The Company provides supplemental retirement benefits under the terms of the target benefit program under the Company s Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Under the terms of the program, in the event that employment of a participant in the target benefit program is terminated within twenty-four months following a change in control of the Company by the Company without cause or by the executive for good reason, the Company is obligated to contribute to the program on behalf of each such terminated participant an amount equal to the discounted present value of the contributions that would have been required had the participant remained employed until age 65. The amount shown in the table above is the amount that would be required to be contributed to the program on behalf of each named executive officer, assuming that the executive terminated employment as of August 31, 2012 following a change in control. Such amounts are based on the discounted present value of the average amount of contributions made on behalf of each executive during the most recent three year period.
- (6) Other. Pursuant to their employment agreements, the Company will provide Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion and Stuckey with continuation of the Company s customary automobile benefit at the Company s expense, for a period of two years following termination of employment. For each named executive, the amount above represents the cost of the post-termination automobile benefit for two years, based on the current or estimated future annual cost of the executive s leased car or other automobile benefit.
- (7) **280G Capped Amount**. Under all of the change of control provisions described above, the amount of change of control benefits each officer will receive is capped at an amount that will prevent any payments being non-deductible under section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ) or subject to excise tax under Code section 4999. The amounts shown in this column are the capped amounts, which are equal to one dollar less than the product of three-times the amount of the officers base amount, which, as calculated under Code section 280G, is equal to the average of the officer s W-2 wages over the five-year period preceding the change of control event (or such shorter period as the officer has been employed by the Company).

#### Benefits Triggered on Involuntary Termination of Employment without Cause

The following table shows the estimated benefits that would have been paid to each of the Named Executive Officers other than Mr. Glenn if the officer s employment had been terminated on August 31, 2012, either by us without cause or by the officers with good reason, pursuant to the terms of such officer s employment agreement with the Company. Mr. Glenn does not have an employment agreement with the Company.

	Cash	Annual	Restricted	Annual		
	Severance	Insurance	Stock	Retirement		
	Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Continuation (2)	Acceleration (3)	Benefit (4)(5)	Other (6)	Total
Name	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
William A. Furman	2,783,648	5,316	1,878,500	407,000	39,600	5,114,064
Mark J. Rittenbaum	1,137,615	21,524	577,986	101,352	26,400	1,864,877
Alejandro Centurion	1,178,213	31,280	470,348	66,312	26,400	1,772,553
Timothy A. Stuckey	843,600	30,416	359,559	97,344	26,400	1,357,319
William G. Glenn	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Cash Severance Benefit. Employment agreements with each of Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion and Stuckey provide for lump sum cash severance payments equal to two times the sum of base salary plus the average bonus amount. Messrs. Furman, Rittenbaum, Centurion and Stuckey also are entitled to receive a pro-rated bonus for the year of termination, based on the greater of the average bonus amount or the executive s target bonus amount, and the number of days worked during the year of termination. Since it is assumed that termination is on August 31, 2012, the cash severance benefit amount includes 100% of the average bonus amount, in addition to the multiples of salary and bonus described above. All payments are to be made in a single lump sum within 30 days after the executive signs a release of claims against the Company.

- (2) Insurance Continuation. Employment agreements with Messrs. Furman, Centurion, Rittenbaum and Stuckey provide for continuation of life, accident and health insurance benefits paid by us for up to 24 months following the termination of employment by the Company without cause or by the executive for good reason, except to the extent similar benefits are provided by a subsequent employer. In addition, pursuant to his employment agreement, following Mr. Furman s termination of employment for any reason, the Company will provide Mr. Furman and his spouse with insured health and medical benefits until Mr. Furman attains age 75. The amounts in the table above represent 12 months of life, accident and health insurance premium payments at the rates paid by us for each of these officers as of August 31, 2012.
- (3) **Restricted Stock Acceleration**. Under the terms of employment agreements with each Named Executive Officer other than Mr. Glenn, in the event of termination of the executive s employment by the Company without cause, all unvested shares of restricted stock will immediately vest, with performance-based shares vesting at the target performance level. Information regarding unvested restricted stock held by the Named Executive Officers is set forth in the Outstanding Equity Awards table above. The amounts in the table above represent the number of shares of unvested restricted stock multiplied by a stock price of \$14.45 per share, which was the closing price of our Common Stock on August 31, 2012. The expense that the Company would record would differ from the amount above as, under FASB ASC Topic 718, the amount of unamortized expense is based upon the stock price as of the date of grant, rather than as of the date of vesting.
- Retirement Benefit. Pursuant to his employment agreement, the Company will make an annual payment to or on behalf of Mr. Furman in the amount of \$407,000 until he attains age 70, regardless of whether Mr. Furman s employment terminates prior to that date. This benefit is provided in place of any executive life insurance or other supplemental retirement benefit.
- (5) Supplemental Retirement Benefit. The Company provides supplemental retirement benefits under the target benefit program under the Company s Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. Under the terms of the program, in the event that a participating executive terminates employment for any reason (other than following a change in control) prior to the attainment of age 65, the Company will make no further contributions to the program on behalf of the executive. The executive will receive a monthly retirement benefit based upon the amounts payable under individual annuity contracts purchased by the Company on the executive s behalf prior to his termination of employment (including annuity contracts previously purchased under the now-terminated Target Benefit Plan). In addition, under the terms of their employment agreements Messrs. Rittenbaum, Stuckey and Centurion will continue to be treated as participants in the supplemental retirement plan for two years following termination of employment. The amount shown in the table above is the estimated annual benefit payable to the executive under the target benefit program, assuming that the executive s employment was involuntarily terminated as of August 31, 2012 (benefit amounts do not vary under the target benefit plan based on whether termination of employment prior to retirement age was voluntary or involuntary, or with or without cause).
- Other. Pursuant to their employment agreements, the Company will provide Messrs. Centurion, Rittenbaum and Stuckey with continued participation in the Company auto program, at the Company s expense, for a period of two years following termination of employment. Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Furman will continue to receive the Company s customary automobile benefit for three years following termination of employment. The amount above represents the current annual cost of the employees participation in the Company s automobile program for the applicable period, based on the current or estimated future annual cost of the executive s leased car or other automobile benefit.

The Company s obligation to pay severance benefits is, in all cases, contingent upon the officer executing a release of claims in favor of the Company. The Company s obligation to pay severance benefits to each of Messrs. Centurion, Rittenbaum and Stuckey is contingent upon the officer s compliance with the terms of a covenant not to compete in favor of the Company for one year following termination of employment.

#### **Benefits Triggered on Retirement**

The following table shows estimated benefits that would have been payable to the Named Executive Officers if each officer s employment terminated on August 31, 2012 by reason of retirement, excluding amounts payable under the Company s 401(k) Plan.

	Annual Insurance Continuation <sup>(1)</sup>	Restricted Stock Acceleration <sup>(2)</sup>	Annual Retirement Benefit <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	Total
Name	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
William A. Furman	5,316	1,099,312	407,000	1,511,628
Mark J. Rittenbaum	N/A	-0-	101,352	101,352
Alejandro Centurion	N/A	-0-	66,312	66,312
Timothy A. Stuckey	N/A	-0-	97,344	97,344
William G. Glenn	N/A	-0-	N/A	-0-

- (1) **Insurance Continuation**. The Company is required to provide continued health insurance at the Company's expense for Mr. Furman until he attains age 75. The amount in the table represents the annual premium payments at the rates paid by us for Mr. Furman as of August 31, 2012.
- (2) Restricted Stock Acceleration. Under the terms of the Company s standard forms of Restricted Share Agreement for restricted shares with time-based vesting (time-based shares), all unvested time-based shares become fully vested upon termination due to death, disability or retirement. Under the current form of Restricted Share Agreement, retirement age is 65 for purposes of restricted stock vesting on retirement, except as otherwise determined at the discretion of the CEO. Only Mr. Furman is eligible to retire. Performance-based shares also become fully vested upon termination due to death or disability. With respect to grants made beginning in July 2011 and thereafter, in the event of retirement prior to the end of the measurement period, a pro rata portion of performance-based shares will vest based upon the time-adjusted achievement of performance goals as of the date of retirement. The amounts in the table above represent the number of unvested time-based shares, multiplied by a stock price of \$14.45 per share, which was the closing price of our Common Stock on August 31, 2012, plus the value of the pro rata portion of performance-based shares that would have accelerated if the executive had retired on August 31, 2012, assuming that time-adjusted performance goals had been met as of that date. The expense that the Company would record would differ from the amount above as, under FASB ASC Topic 718, the amount of unamortized expense is based upon the stock price on the date of grant and not on the vesting date.
- (3) **Retirement Benefit.** Pursuant to his employment agreement, the Company will make an annual payment to Mr. Furman in the amount of \$407,000 until he attains age 70, regardless of whether Mr. Furman s employment terminates prior to that date. This benefit is provided in place of any executive life insurance or other supplemental retirement benefit.
- (4) **Target Benefit Program**. Under the terms of the target benefit program under the Company's Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, which replaced the now-terminated Target Benefit Plan, in the event that a participating executive terminates employment due to retirement at age 65, unless the executive has timely elected an alternative payment schedule or lump sum payment, the executive will receive monthly payments commencing at age 65 and continuing for 180 months. The amount shown in the table above is the estimated annual benefit payable to the executive under the target benefit program, assuming that the executive s employment terminated on August 31, 2012. Monthly benefits commence when the executive attains age 65 and continue for 15 years (180 months) from that date.

#### Benefits Triggered on Disability or Death

The following table shows estimated benefits that would have been payable to the Named Executive Officers if each officer s employment terminated on August 31, 2012 by reason of death or disability.

	Estimated Cash Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Annual Insurance Continuation <sup>(2)</sup>	Restricted Stock Acceleration <sup>(3)</sup>	Annual Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	Total
Name	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
William A. Furman	641,824	5,316	1,878,500	407,000	2,932,640
Mark J. Rittenbaum	N/A	N/A	577,986	101,352	679,338
Alejandro Centurion	N/A	N/A	470,348	66,312	536,660
Timothy A. Stuckey	N/A	N/A	359,559	97,344	456,903
William G. Glenn	N/A	N/A	417,359	N/A	417,359

- (1) Cash Benefit. Under the terms of his employment agreement, in the event of termination due to death or disability, Mr. Furman (or his estate) is entitled to receive an amount equal to the pro rated portion of the cash bonus which would have been payable to him for the portion of the fiscal year during which he was employed by the Company. Since it is assumed that the triggering event occurs on August 31, 2012, the amount of estimated cash benefit is equal to a full year s cash bonus, estimated to be amount of the average of the most recent two years cash bonuses actually paid to Mr. Furman.
- (2) **Insurance Continuation**. The Company is required to provide continued health insurance at the Company s expense for Mr. Furman until such time that Mr. Furman reaches age 75. The amount in the table represents the annual premium payments at the rates paid by us for Mr. Furman as of August 31, 2012.
- (3) **Restricted Stock Acceleration**. Under the terms of the Company s standard forms of Restricted Share Agreement, all unvested shares of restricted stock become fully vested upon termination due to death or disability. The amounts in the table above represent the number of shares of unvested restricted stock multiplied by a stock price of \$14.45 per share, which was the closing price of our Common Stock on August 31, 2012. The expense that the Company would record would differ from the amount above as, under FASB ASC Topic 718, the amount of unamortized expense is based upon the stock price as of the date of grant rather than as of the vesting date.
- (4) **Retirement Benefit.** Pursuant to his employment agreement, the Company will make an annual payment to or on behalf of Mr. Furman in the amount of \$407,000 until he attains age 70, regardless of whether Mr. Furman s employment terminates prior to that date. This benefit is provided in place of any executive life insurance or other supplemental retirement benefit.
- Target Benefit Program. Under the terms of the target benefit program under the Company s Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, which replaced the now-terminated Target Benefit Plan, in the event that a participating executive terminates employment due to the executive s death the executive s beneficiary will receive monthly payments commencing on the date the executive would have attained age 65, and continuing for 180 months, unless the beneficiary elects to receive the amounts held under the annuity contracts purchased for the executive s benefit in a single lump sum. In the event that a participating executive s employment terminates due to the executive s disability, unless the executive has timely elected an alternative payment schedule or lump sum payment, the executive will receive a monthly benefit commencing at age 65 and continuing for 180 months. The amount shown in the table above is the estimated annual benefit payable to the executive (or his beneficiary, in the case of death) under the target benefit program, assuming that the executive s employment terminated as of August 31, 2012 due to the executive s death or disability.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

The following table summarizes the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors who are not employees of the Company for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2012.

	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified						
	Fees Earned or Paid		Deferred Compensation	All Other			
Name	in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Earnings (\$)	Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)		
Benjamin R. Whiteley	121,750	60,013			181,763		
Victor G. Atiyeh (Emeritus)	32,500	N/A			32,500		
Graeme A. Jack	60,000	60,013			120,013		
Duane C. McDougall	69,250	60,013			129,263		
Victoria McManus	52,750	60,013			112,763		
A. Daniel O Neal, Jr.	44,250	60,013		$103,525^{(3)}$	207,788		
Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	43,250	60,013			103,263		
Charles J. Swindells	55,000	60,013			115,013		
Wendy L. Teramoto	44,250	60,013			104,263		
C. Bruce Ward	45,250	60,013	59,823 <sup>(2)</sup>	$109,200^{(4)}$	274,286		
Donald A. Washburn	64,250	60,013			124,263		

- Amounts shown in this column are calculated based upon the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Such amounts may not correspond to the actual value that will be realized by them if and when the restricted stock awards vest. Directors who are not our employees receive annual grants of restricted shares of the Company s Common Stock with a fair market value equal to \$60,000 (rounded to the nearest whole share) made immediately after the close of each annual shareholder meeting, with such shares vesting one year from the date of grant. The total number of shares of restricted stock granted to directors in fiscal 2012 for each of the eligible directors was 2,318 shares. The aggregate number of shares received as stock awards outstanding as of August 31, 2012 for each of the directors is: Mr. Whiteley, 28,720 shares; Mr. Jack, 25,409 shares; Mr. McDougall, 30,720 shares; Ms. McManus, 5,032 shares; Mr. O Neal, 2,318 shares; Mr. Ross, 10,970 shares; Mr. Swindells, 21,623 shares; Ms. Teramoto, 10,970 shares; Mr. Ward, 26,722 shares; and Mr. Washburn, 28,720 shares.
- (2) Mr. Ward participated in the Gunderson LLC Nonqualified Deferred Compensation plan while he was an employee of Gunderson LLC, a manufacturing subsidiary of the Company. Amount represents Mr. Ward s pro rata interest in the earnings in the plan. No additional contributions were made on Mr. Ward s behalf during the current year.
- (3) Mr. O Neal also received from the Company \$91,200 in consulting fees during 2012 and an automobile allowance of \$12,325.
- (4) Mr. Ward also received from the Company \$96,000 in consulting fees during 2012 and an automobile allowance of \$13,200. Members of the Board of Directors who are our employees are not separately compensated for serving on the Board of Directors. During fiscal 2012 the Compensation Committee engaged Mercer to review and advise the Committee regarding compensation for non-employee directors of the Company. The Compensation Committee considered proposed changes to non-employee director compensation in view of market data supplied by Mercer, which indicated that the proposed changes would bring the Company s non-employee director compensation up to a level that was at the median of the market. The Compensation Committee recommended adoption of the proposed changes to the Board of Directors, which approved the revised compensation structure.

Under the revised director compensation structure, per-meeting fees for attendance at Board and committee meetings were eliminated, and annual cash retainer fees were increased. The annual retainer fee for directors who

are not our employees (other than the Chairman of the Board) was increased from \$30,000 to \$75,000. The annual retainer fee for the Chairman of the Board was increased from \$90,000 to \$150,000. The chairman of each committee of the Board receives an additional annual retainer fee for such service, which fees were also increased. The annual retainer for the Audit Committee chairman was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and the annual retainer for each other committee chairman was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. All annual retainer fees are paid quarterly.

In addition, directors who are not our employees receive annual grants of restricted shares of the Company s Common Stock with a fair market value equal to \$60,000 (rounded up to the nearest whole share) made immediately after the close of each annual shareholder meeting with such shares vesting one year from the date of grant.

In order to better align the compensation received by our directors with the interest of the Company's shareholders, the Compensation Committee desires to achieve approximately a 60/40% ratio of equity to cash director compensation, while providing total compensation that approximates the market median. Total director compensation (exclusive of additional fees paid to the Board and committee chairmen) is currently \$135,000, weighted approximately 56% in cash (\$75,000) and 44% in stock (\$60,000). In order to accomplish the desired weighting in favor of equity compensation, the Committee recommended increasing the automatic stock award provided for under the terms of the Company s 2010 Stock Incentive Plan from \$60,000 to \$80,000, which amendment is submitted for approval by the Company s shareholders in this proxy. The Board has approved a corresponding decrease in the annual cash retainer component of director compensation, from \$75,000 to \$55,000, which will become effective if the proposed amendment to the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan is approved.

No restricted stock grant will be made to a non-employee director if such grant would cause that director to become an Acquiring Person (as defined in the Stockholder Rights Agreement between the Company and Equiserve Trust Company, N.A. dated as of July 13, 2004, as amended). In that case, the non-employee director would receive \$80,000 in cash (assuming the proposed automatic stock award increase is approved) in lieu of the grant of restricted shares. In the event a non-employee director ceases to be a director due to death, disability or retirement, or because he or she is not re-elected to serve an additional term as a director, any unvested restricted shares shall immediately become fully vested. If a non-employee director ceases to be a director by reason of removal or resignation as a member of the Board, any unvested restricted shares shall automatically be forfeited, and the shares subject to such award shall be available for grant under the Plan. During fiscal 2012, each non-employee director that was in office as of the annual meeting date, received an award of restricted stock having a fair market value on the date of the award of \$60,000 (rounded up to the nearest whole share).

#### Risks Arising From the Company s Compensation Policies and Practices

The Company s Compensation Committee oversees compensation policies and practices to ensure that they do not promote undue risk-taking. In 2012, the Compensation Committee evaluated the current risk profile of the Company s executive and broad-based compensation policies and practices. In its evaluation, the Compensation Committee reviewed the executive compensation structure, including the adoption in fiscal 2012 of a formulaic structure for its short-term incentive plan, pursuant to which bonuses may be earned if pre-established financial performance metrics and individual performance goals are achieved, and the adoption of new performance metrics based on profitability and growth for vesting of restricted stock awards made under the Company s long-term incentive plan. The Compensation Committee noted numerous ways in which risk is effectively managed or mitigated, including the balance between short-term and long-term incentives and use of multiple performance measures. Based on the results of its evaluation, the Compensation Committee concluded that any risks associated with the Company s compensation programs are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### **Additional Information**

We file annual, quarterly, and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Shareholders may inspect and copy these materials at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more

information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>. Copies of our annual, quarterly and special reports, Audit Committee Charter, Compensation Committee Charter, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter and the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines are available to shareholders without charge upon request to: Investor Relations, The Greenbrier Companies, Inc., One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035 or on the Company s website at <a href="http://www.gbrx.com">http://www.gbrx.com</a>.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Board of Directors

The Greenbrier Companies, Inc.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is established pursuant to the Company s Bylaws, as amended, and the Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Charter, as amended, is available to shareholders without charge upon request to: Investor Relations, The Greenbrier Companies, Inc., One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035 or on the Company s website at http://www.gbrx.com.

Management is responsible for the Company s internal controls and the financial reporting process. The independent auditors are responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company s consolidated financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and for issuing a report thereon. The Audit Committee s responsibility is generally to monitor and oversee these processes, as described in the Charter.

For the fiscal year 2012, the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors were Duane C. McDougall (Chairman), Graeme A. Jack, Charles J. Swindells, Donald A. Washburn and Benjamin R. Whiteley, each of whom is an independent director as defined under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ). The Board annually reviews applicable standards and definitions of independence for Audit Committee members and has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets such standards.

With respect to the year ended August 31, 2012, in addition to its other work, the Audit Committee:

Reviewed and discussed with the Company s management and independent auditors the audited financial statements of the Company as of August 31, 2012, and for the year then ended;

Discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended, regarding *Communication with Audit Committees* as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T; and

Received from the independent auditors written disclosures and a letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant s communications with the audit committee concerning independence and discussed with the auditors the firm s independence.

Based upon the review and discussions summarized above, together with the Committee s other deliberations and Item 8 of SEC Form 10-K, and subject to the limitations on the Audit Committee s role and responsibilities referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements of the Company, as of August 31, 2012 and for the year then ended, be included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2012 for filing with the SEC.

October 30, 2012

Duane C. McDougall, Chairman

Graeme A. Jack

Charles J. Swindells

Donald A. Washburn

Benjamin R. Whiteley

The above shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information with respect to beneficial ownership of the Company s Common Stock (the only outstanding class of voting securities of the Company) by each of our directors or nominees for director, by each of our Named Executive Officers, by all of our current directors and executive officers as a group, and by each person who is known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Company s outstanding Common Stock. We believe the persons and entities named below hold sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown opposite their respective names, unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes. The information with respect to each person or entity specified is as supplied or confirmed by such person or entity, is based upon statements filed with the SEC or is based upon our knowledge, and is as of November 13, 2012, unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes.

	Amount and Nature of Beneficial	Percent of (2)
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Ownership <sup>(1)</sup>	Class
William A. Furman	1,930,000	7.1%
One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200	, ,	
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035		
Victor G. Atiyeh	21,108	(4)
Graeme A. Jack	25,409	(4)
Duane C. McDougall	30,720	(4)
Victoria McManus	87,065(3)	(4)
A. Daniel O Neal, Jr.	15,967	(4)
Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.	1,165,642 <sup>(5)</sup>	4.1%
Charles J. Swindells	21,623	(4)
Wendy L. Teramoto	10,970	(4)
C. Bruce Ward	51,722	(4)
Donald A. Washburn	38,720	(4)
Benjamin R. Whiteley	56,720	(4)
Alejandro A. Centurion	64,060	(4)
William G. Glenn	43,039	(4)
Mark J. Rittenbaum	134,900	(4)
Timothy A. Stuckey	45,729	(4)
All directors and executive officers as a group (22 persons) <sup>(6)</sup>	3,940,349(6)	13.9%
WL Ross Group, L.P.	1,154,672 <sup>(7)</sup>	4.1%
1166 Avenue of the Americas		
New York, New York 10036		
FMR LLC	1,470,639(8)	5.4%
82 Devonshire Street		
Boston, MA 02109		
Keeley Asset Management Corp	$1,521,650^{(9)}$	5.6%
401 South LaSalle Street		
Chicago, IL 60605		
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP	1,728,571(10)	6.4%
Palisades West, Building One		
6300 Bee Cave Road		
Austin, TX 78746		
Carl C. Icahn and related entities	2,710,596 (11)	9.99%
C/O Icahn Associates Corp.		
767 Fifth Ave., Suite 4700		
New York, NY 10153 (the addresses of Mr. Icahn s related entities are set		
forth in footnote 11 below).		

- (1) More than one person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the same securities as determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. In certain cases, voting and investment power may be shared by spouses under applicable law. The inclusion of shares in this table shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any of the reported shares for purposes of Sections 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act or for any other purpose.
- (2) Calculated based on number of outstanding shares as of November 13, 2012, which is 27,142,911 plus the total number of shares of which the reporting persons have the right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days following November 13, 2012.
- (3) Includes shares which the reporting person has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of within 60 days pursuant to a warrant agreement with the Company.
- (4) Less than one percent.
- (5) Mr. Ross is not standing for re-election as a director. Mr. Ross may be deemed to share dispositive power over the warrants of the Company held by WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P. ( Recovery Fund ) and WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P. ( Parallel Fund ) and voting and dispositive power over any shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants. See footnote (7) below. Mr. Ross disclaims beneficial ownership over the warrants.
- (6) A portion of these shares for certain of the individuals is subject to certain vesting requirements.
- As reported on Schedule 13D/A dated November 14, 2011 and filed with the SEC on November 16, 2011. Reflects 1,154,672 shares of common stock of the Company which the reporting person has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of within 60 days pursuant to a warrant agreement with the Company. Warrants to purchase 1,150,053 shares of common stock (the Fund IV Warrants ) are held directly by WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P. (Fund IV). Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. (Mr. Ross) is the managing member of El Vedado, LLC, the general partner of WL Ross Group, L.P., which in turn is the managing member of WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC. WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC is the general partner of Fund IV. Accordingly, WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC, WL Ross Group, L.P., El Vedado, LLC and Mr. Ross may be deemed to share dispositive power over the Fund IV Warrants and voting and dispositive power over any shares issuable upon exercise of the Fund IV Warrants. Warrants to purchase 4,619 shares of common stock (the Parallel Fund Warrants) are held directly by WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P. (Parallel Fund). Invesco Private Capital, Inc. is the managing member of Invesco WLR IV Associates LLC, which is in turn the general partner of Parallel Fund. Accordingly, Invesco WLR IV Associates LLC, Invesco Private Capital, Inc., WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC, WL Ross Group, L.P., El Vedado, LLC and Mr. Ross may be deemed to share dispositive power over the Parallel Fund Warrants and voting and dispositive power over any shares issuable upon exercise of the Parallel Fund Warrants.
- (8) As reported on Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2012. Number reflects 1,470,639 shares of common stock of the Company over which the reporting person has the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition, including 400 shares of which the reporting person has the sole power to vote or to direct the vote. Fidelity Management and Research Company (Fidelity), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC (FMR) and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 1,470,639 shares of the Common Stock outstanding of the Company as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The number of shares of Common Stock of the Company owned by the investment companies at January 31, 2012, included 280,969 shares of Common Stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$13,500,000 principal amount of GREENBR CV 2.375% 5/15/26 (20.8125 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of debenture). The number of shares of Common Stock of the Company owned by the investment companies at January 31, 2012 included 75,172 shares of Common Stock resulting from the assumed conversion of \$2,860,000 principal amount of GREENBRIER CONV 3.5 4/1/18 (26.2838 shares of Common Stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of debenture). Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR, through its control of Fidelity and the funds each has sole power to dispose of 1,470,639 shares owned by the Funds. Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common shares of FMR, representing 49% of the voting power of FMR. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders voting agreement under which all

Series B voting common shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B voting common shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common shares and the execution of the shareholders—voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR. Neither FMR nor Edward C. Johnson 3d has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds—Board of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds—Board of Trustees.

- (9) As reported on Amendment No. 6 to a Schedule 13G dated December 31, 2011 and filed with the SEC on February 7, 2012, by Keeley Asset Management Corp. (KAMC). The shares reported are owned of record by KAMC, Keeley Small Cap Value Fund, Inc. and John L. Keeley, Jr. KAMC has beneficial ownership over 1,521,650 shares, and beneficial ownership is shared with Keeley Small Cap Value Fund with respect to 1,300,000 shares. John L. Keeley has beneficial ownership over 25,000 shares. KAMC has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to all 1,521,650 shares reported.
- As reported in Amendment 4 to Schedule 13G dated December 31, 2011 and filed with the SEC on February 13, 2012. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ( Dimensional ) has sole voting power with respect to 1,678,334 shares reported and sole dispositive power with respect to all 1,728,571 reported. Dimensional, an investment advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, furnishes investment advice to four investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts (such investment companies, trusts and accounts, collectively referred to as the Funds ). In certain cases, subsidiaries of Dimensional may act as an adviser or sub-adviser to certain Funds. In its role as investment advisor, sub-advisor and/or manager, neither Dimensional nor its subsidiaries possess voting and/or investment power over the securities of the Company that are owned by the Funds, and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of the Company held by the Funds. However, all securities reported in the Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13G are owned by the Funds. Dimensional disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities.
- (11) As reported on Schedule 13D dated November 2, 2012 and filed jointly with the SEC on November 13, 2012, by Carl C. Icahn and the following related entities: (a) ARI Longtrain Inc. ( Longtrain ); (b) American Railcar Industries, Inc. ( ARI ); (c) IEH ARI Holdings LLC ( IEH ARI Holdings ); (d) Icahn Enterprises Holdings LP ( Icahn Enterprises Holdings ); (e) Icahn Enterprises GP Inc. ( Icahn Enterprises GP ); and (f) Beckton Corp. (Beckton). The principal business address of each of IEH ARI Holdings, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Longtrain is White Plains Plaza, 445 Hamilton Avenue - Suite 1210, White Plains, NY 10601; and the principal business address of ARI is 100 Clark Street, St. Charles, MO 63301ARI is the sole stockholder of Longtrain. IEH ARI Holdings directly owns approximately 54.2% of the common stock of ARI. Icahn Enterprises Holdings directly owns approximately 1.3% of the common stock of ARI. Beckton is the sole stockholder of Icahn Enterprises GP, which is the general partner of Icahn Enterprises Holdings. Icahn Enterprises Holdings is the sole member of IEH ARI Holdings. Mr. Icahn is the sole stockholder of Beckton. As such, Mr. Icahn is in a position indirectly to determine the investment and voting decisions made by each of the the related entities described above. In addition, Mr. Icahn is the indirect holder of approximately 93.2% of the outstanding depositary units representing limited partnership interests in Icahn Enterprises L.P. ( Icahn Enterprises ). Icahn Enterprises GP is the general partner of Icahn Enterprises, which is the sole limited partner of Icahn Enterprises Holdings. Longtrain has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 2,710,596 shares. Each of ARI, IEH ARI Holdings, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton, and Mr. Icahn have shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to such shares. Each of ARI, IEH ARI Holdings, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton, and Mr. Icahn, by virtue of their relationships to Longtrain, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the Shares which Longtrain directly beneficially owns. Each of ARI, IEH ARI Holdings, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton, and Mr. Icahn disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares for all other purposes.

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

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of the Company's securities with the SEC and the NYSE. Officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners are required by Commission regulations to furnish us with copies of all forms they file pursuant to Section 16(a). Based solely on review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations from reporting persons that no other reports were required, to our knowledge all of the Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to such persons with respect to fiscal year 2012 were complied with, except that a Form 4 reporting a sale of common stock by Charles Swindells was filed late on January 18, 2012.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 2

#### ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Act, enacted in July 2010, requires that we provide shareholders with the opportunity to vote to approve, on a nonbinding, advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the rules of the SEC, which disclosures include the disclosures in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the compensation tables and narrative disclosures following the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Our compensation practices and programs are designed to reward performance and reinforce teamwork and cooperation in achieving business success, as described in detail under the heading *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*. They are also designed to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified executives and employees. During fiscal 2012, the Compensation Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Company's compensation policies and practices in light of the results of the Company's first annual advisory shareholder vote on executive compensation and emerging trends in best pay practices. As part of such review the Compensation Committee evaluated and significantly restructured components of the Company's compensation programs, as an integral component of the Company's broader program that focuses on maximizing operational excellence throughout the Company's business. The Compensation Committee adopted and approved several changes to the Company's executive compensation agreements and programs in order to institute best practices (including eliminating all tax gross-up payments and modified single trigger change of control provisions), restructured the Company's executive life insurance and supplemental executive retirement programs, and adopted executive officer stock ownership guidelines. The Company continued its more formulaic structure for our fiscal 2012 short-term incentive plan, pursuant to which bonuses may be earned if pre-established financial performance metrics and individual performance goals are achieved and continued use of performance metrics based on profitability and growth for vesting of restricted stock awards made under our long-term incentive plan. All of these changes have served to further strengthen the link between pay and performance in our compensation programs and practices, and to further align the interests of our named executive officers and our shareholders.

This Proposal 2 allows our shareholders to express their opinions regarding the decisions of the Compensation Committee on the compensation paid to the named executive officers through the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Company s shareholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in accordance with the rules of the SEC, which disclosures include the disclosures in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the compensation tables and narrative disclosures following the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

In order for this Proposal 2 to be approved, the number of votes cast FOR approval must exceed the number of votes cast AGAINST approval. The vote is advisory, which means that the vote is not binding on the Company, our Board of Directors, or the Compensation Committee. However, the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future compensation arrangements. Broker discretionary voting of uninstructed shares is not permitted on this Proposal 2. Abstentions and broker non-votes of uninstructed shares will not affect the outcome of voting on this Proposal 2.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the resolution set forth in Proposal 2 above, and unless otherwise directed in the accompanying proxy, the persons named therein will vote FOR this resolution.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 3

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO

#### 2010 AMENDED AND RESTATED STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

The Board of Directors has adopted, subject to shareholder approval, a proposed amendment (the Amendment ) to the Company s 2010 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the Plan ), that (a) increases the total number of shares of the Company s Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan since its inception by 1,500,000 shares, from 2,825,000 to 4,325,000 and (b) increases the dollar value of the annual automatic non-employee director restricted stock grants from \$60,000\$ to \$80,000. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto as Appendix B.

The purpose of the Plan is to promote the long-term success of the Company and the creation of shareholder value by encouraging employees, directors and consultants to focus on critical, long-range objectives; attracting and retaining employees, directors and consultants with exceptional qualifications; and linking Plan participants directly to shareholder interests through increased share ownership.

As of August 31, 2012, only 259,650 common shares remain available for issuance under the Plan. The Board of Directors believes that the proposed Amendment to the Plan is necessary because the number of shares that remains available for issuance to new and existing employees and directors and consultants is not sufficient to promote the objectives of the Plan. The use of equity incentive awards such as those made available through the Plan has long been an important component of the Company's compensation and incentive philosophy. This philosophy emphasizes the alignment of compensation and incentives with shareholder interests, and the utilization of long-term equity incentives to increase the proportion of individual compensation that is dependent upon Company performance as the level of individual employee responsibility increases. As further discussed below, we believe that the proposed Amendment to the Plan is necessary to enable the Company to continue to provide these incentives. Moreover, if the performance-based restricted stock awards granted in 2011 and 2012 vest at the stretch performance level, there will be an insufficient number of shares available under the Plan to satisfy the terms of the those awards.

The Amendment to the Plan would increase by 1,500,000 the maximum number of shares of the Company s Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan, subject to proportionate adjustment in the event of a stock split or other change in the Common Stock or capital structure of the Company. Currently, a maximum of 2,825,000 shares of Common Stock has been authorized for issuance under the Plan. Of that number, 259,650 shares remained available under the Plan for the grant of future awards as of August 31, 2012. We use restricted stock grants, and may in the future use restricted stock units, as part of our compensation plan to retain and motivate executives over the long term, and align their interests with the interests of the Company s shareholders. We also grant automatic restricted stock awards to Board members on an annual basis as part of our director compensation package. We believe that the remaining shares will be insufficient to continue operating the Plan through 2013. We believe, based on currently expected granting practices for the coming years, that the number of additional shares to be reserved for issuance under the Plan for which shareholder approval is being sought (along with shares currently available under the Plan) will be sufficient for approximately two to three years following shareholder approval.

The Board of Directors, with the assistance of Mercer, reviewed our program for equity compensation for non-employee directors, in light of our desire to attract and retain highly qualified board members and provide competitive compensation for the directors—service. As a result of the review, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Plan to increase from \$60,000 to \$80,000 the dollar value of the annual automatic restricted stock grants to non-employee directors. Such increase will not result in an increase in total director compensation, as discussed below. We believe this increase is necessary in order to achieve an appropriate balance of equity to cash compensation that will enable us to recruit and retain high-caliber individuals, with the requisite skills and qualifications to serve as members of our Board of Directors, and maximize the alignment of interests between our directors and shareholders. The Board of Directors has approved a corresponding reduction of the annual cash retainer component of director compensation, from \$75,000 to \$55,000, which will become effective if the proposed Plan amendment increasing the equity component of director compensation is approved by the Company s shareholders.

The following summary of the material provisions of the Plan does not purport to be complete, and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Plan. A complete copy of the Plan, all amendments thereto as of the date of this Proxy Statement, and the proposed Amendment is attached as Appendix A.

#### General

As noted above, the purpose of the Plan is to promote the long-term success of the Company and its affiliates and to create shareholder value. The Plan provides for the grant of options (incentive stock options and nonstatutory stock options), restricted shares, stock units and stock appreciation rights (SARs) (each, an Award).

#### **Shares Available for Grant**

The maximum aggregate number of common shares of the Company reserved and available for issuance pursuant to Awards under the Plan since its inception is currently 2,825,000, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances as specified in the Plan. The aggregate number of common shares with respect to which options or SARs may be granted to any individual participant during any calendar year cannot exceed 30,000.

If restricted shares or common shares issued upon the exercise of options are forfeited, then such common shares again become available for future Awards under the Plan. If a stock unit, option or SAR is forfeited or terminated before being exercised, then the corresponding common shares again become available for future Awards under the Plan. If stock units are settled, then only the number of common shares (if any) actually issued in settlement will reduce the number of common shares available for grant under the Plan, and the balance will again become available for Awards under the Plan. If SARs are exercised, then only the number of common shares (if any) actually issued in settlement of such SARs will reduce the number available for Awards under Plan, and the balance will again become available for Awards under the Plan. Notwithstanding the above, the aggregate number of common shares that may be issued under the Plan upon exercise of incentive stock options will not be increased when restricted shares or other common shares are forfeited. In addition, any dividend equivalents paid or credited under the Plan will not be applied against the number of restricted shares, stock units, options or SARs available for Awards, whether or not such dividend equivalents are converted into stock units; provided, however, that subject to Article 11 of the Plan (which provides for automatic adjustment of outstanding awards in the event of stock splits and similar corporate events), dividend equivalents that have been converted into stock units may not be paid in the form of Common Shares to the extent such payment would exceed the limitations set forth in Section 3.1 of the Plan.

#### Administration

The Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Company s Board (the Committee ), which consists of two or more directors appointed by the Board. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, at all times that the Company is subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), the composition of the Committee will satisfy the requirements under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code ) and NYSE Rule 303A.02.

Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee has the authority to determine: (a) which employees, directors and consultants will receive Awards, (b) the time or times when Awards will be granted, (c) the types of Awards to be granted, and (d) the number of common shares that may be issued under each Award. The Committee also has such additional powers as have been delegated to it by the Plan. Subject to the express provisions of the Plan, the Committee has the authority to construe the Plan and the respective agreements executed thereunder, to prescribe rules and regulations relating to the Plan, to determine the terms, restrictions and provisions of each Award, and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable for administering the Plan. The determinations made by the Committee will be conclusive.

## **Eligibility**

Employees, directors and consultants of the Company or its affiliates are generally eligible for Awards, but only employees may be granted incentive stock options and only non-employee directors may be granted automatic awards of restricted shares as set forth in the Plan. In addition, an employee who owns more than 10%

of the total combined voting power of all classes of outstanding stock of the Company or any of its parents or subsidiaries may not be granted an incentive stock option unless the requirements of Section 422(c)(5) of the Code are satisfied.

#### **Options**

Each stock option agreement will contain terms and conditions of the option grant that are not inconsistent with the Plan, including, but not limited to, when the option becomes exercisable, the exercise price of the options (which may not be less than fair market value of a common share on the grant date) and the term of the option (not to exceed 10 years from date of grant). Among other things, the stock option agreement may also provide for accelerated exercisability and vesting in the event of the optionee s death, disability, retirement or other event or for the expiration of an option prior to the end of its term if the optionee terminates service with the Company or its affiliates.

Unless the stock option agreement provides otherwise, in the event of an optionee s termination of service as an employee, director or consultant (a) for any reason other than retirement, disability or death, the options (to the extent optionee was entitled to exercise the option at the date of such termination) remain exercisable until the option expiration date or three months after such termination of service, whichever is shorter, (b) for any reason other than disability or death but where the optionee is age 62 or older on such termination date, the options (to the extent optionee was entitled to exercise the option at date of such termination) remain exercisable until the option expiration date, (c) due to disability, the options (to the extent the optionee was entitled to exercise the option at date of such termination) remain exercisable until the option expiration date or one year after such termination of service, whichever is shorter, or (d) by reason of death, the options become fully vested and may be exercised any time prior to option expiration date. The exercise price of an option may be paid, to the extent permitted by applicable laws, in cash or cash equivalents, by surrendering or attesting to ownership of common shares owned by the optionee for at least six months, by cashless exercise, via loan proceeds obtained from pledging common shares being purchased under the Plan, by a full-recourse promissory note, or in any other form that is consistent with applicable laws. In the case of incentive stock options, payment may be made only as set forth in the stock option agreement.

#### **Automatic Restricted Share Grants to Eligible Directors**

Immediately after the close of each annual shareholder meeting, each non-employee director, including those that are elected at such meeting, receives an automatic restricted share award for such number of common shares as has an aggregate fair market value as of the award date of \$60,000. Upon approval of the Amendment to the Plan, the aggregate dollar value of such automatic restricted share awards will increase from \$60,000 to \$80,000. No automatic restricted share grant, however, will be made to a non-employee director if such grant would cause that individual to become an acquiring person as defined in the Stockholder Rights Agreement dated July 13, 2004.

Automatic director awards vest in full on the first anniversary of the date of grant. In the event a non-employee director ceases to be a director due to death or disability (as defined in the Plan), or because he or she is not re-elected to serve an additional term as a director, any unvested restricted shares shall immediately become fully vested. If a non-employee director ceases to be a director by reason of removal or resignation as a member of the Board, any unvested restricted shares shall automatically be forfeited, and the shares subject to such award shall be available for grant under this Plan.

### **Stock Appreciation Rights**

Each SAR agreement will contain terms and conditions of the SAR that are not inconsistent with the Plan including, but not limited to, the number of common shares underlying the SAR, the exercise price (which may vary in accordance with a predetermined formula), when the SAR becomes exercisable and the term of the SAR. Among other things, the SAR may also provide for accelerated exercisability and vesting in the event of the SAR holder s death, disability, retirement or other event or for the expiration of the SAR prior to the end of its term if the SAR holder terminates service with the Company or its affiliates. SARs may be awarded in combination with options, and such an Award may provide that the SARs will not be exercisable unless the related options are

forfeited. A SAR may be included in an incentive stock option only at the time of grant. Upon the exercise of an SAR, the SAR holder may receive cash, common shares or a combination thereof, as the Committee determines.

#### Restricted Shares

Each restricted share agreement will contain terms and conditions of the restricted share award that are not inconsistent with the Plan including, but not limited to, the number of common shares underlying the restricted share award, the consideration to be paid (if any) and the vesting terms. Unless the restricted share agreement provides otherwise, restricted shares will have a one year vesting period.

The restricted share agreement may also provide for accelerated vesting in the event of death, disability, retirement or other events. Restricted share holders have the same voting, dividend and other rights as the Company s shareholders. The restricted share agreement, however, may require that cash dividends received by restricted share holders be invested in additional restricted shares, with such additional restricted shares being subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the restricted shares with respect to which the dividends were paid.

#### **Stock Units**

Each stock unit agreement will contain terms and conditions of the stock units that are not inconsistent with the Plan including, but not limited to, the number of common shares underlying the stock unit and the vesting terms (if any). Unless the stock unit agreement provides otherwise, stock units that are subject to vesting will have a one year vesting period. The stock unit agreement may also provide for accelerated vesting in the event of death, disability, retirement or other event. The stock unit holder has no voting rights with respect to his or her stock units, and has no rights other than those of a general creditor of the Company. Stock units may be settled in cash, common shares or a combination thereof, as the Committee determines. Vested stock units may be settled in a lump sum or installments, and distribution may occur or commence when all vesting conditions have been satisfied or may be deferred until a later date. The amount of a deferred distribution may be increased by an interest factor or by dividend equivalents.

#### Adjustments

In the event of a subdivision of the outstanding common shares, a declaration of a dividend payable in common shares or in the event of a combination or consolidation of the outstanding common shares (by reclassification or otherwise) into a lesser number of common shares, corresponding automatic adjustments will be made to (a) the number of options, SARs, restricted shares and stock units available for future Awards, (b) the number of common shares covered by each outstanding option and SAR, (c) the exercise price under each outstanding option and SAR, and (d) the number of stock units included in any prior Award that has not yet been settled.

In the event of a declaration of an extraordinary dividend payable in a form other than common shares in an amount that has a material effect on the price of common shares, a recapitalization, a spin-off, merger, consolidation or a similar occurrence, the Committee will make such adjustments as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the cancellation of outstanding Awards after giving Participants notice and an opportunity to exercise their Awards, if applicable.

#### **Dissolution or Liquidation**

To the extent not previously exercised or settled, options, SARs and stock units will terminate immediately prior to the dissolution or liquidation of the Company.

## **Effect of Change in Control**

The Committee may determine, at the time of granting of a SAR, restricted share or stock unit or thereafter, that such Awards will become fully vested or exercisable in the event of a change in control (as defined in the Plan) or in the event that the participant is subject to an involuntary termination after a change in control.

In the event of a change in control, each outstanding option will become immediately and fully exercisable, unless the Committee determines otherwise prior to the occurrence of the change in control. Any optionee may decline such acceleration if the acceleration would result in adverse tax effects to the optionee.

In the event of: (a) a merger, exchange or consolidation in which the Company is not the resulting or surviving corporation (or in which the Company is the resulting or surviving corporation but becomes a subsidiary of another corporation), (b) a transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company, or (c) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Committee will notify optionees in writing of the transaction at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the transaction. The Committee will, in its sole discretion, and to the extent possible under the structure of the transaction, select one of the following alternatives for treating outstanding options: (a) convert outstanding options to fully vested options to purchase stock of the surviving or acquiring corporation, or (b) provide for a 30-day period prior to the consummation of the transaction in which optionees may exercise outstanding options without any limitation on exercisability and provide that, upon consummation of such transaction, all unexercised options immediately terminate.

#### **Awards under Other Plans**

The Company may grant awards under other plans or programs. Such awards may be settled in the form of common shares issued under this Plan. Such common shares will be treated for all purposes under the Plan like common shares issued in settlement of stock units and will, when issued, reduce the number of common shares available for Awards under the Plan.

#### **Limitation on Change in Control Payments**

The payments or transfers of benefits under the Plan (the Payments) may be reduced as described below, under certain circumstances relating to the occurrence of a change in control. Specifically, if either (a) the independent auditors determine that the participant would be better off on an after tax basis if the participant s Payments were reduced, or (b) regardless of the after-tax value of a participant s Award, the Committee, at the time of grant or any time thereafter determines that the following reduction will be imposed, then the aggregate present value of a participant s Payments will be reduced so that no Payments would be nondeductible by the Company for federal income tax purposes by reason of the tax provisions governing excess parachute payments in Section 280G of the Code.

#### Term, Amendment and Termination

The original effective date of the Plan was November 9, 2004. The Plan was amended and restated on November 10, 2010, which amendment and restatement was approved by the Company s shareholders on January 7, 2011. The Plan remains in effect until terminated by the Board, except that no incentive stock options can be granted on or after the 10th anniversary of the later of (a) the date when the Board adopted the Plan, or (b) the date when the Board adopted the most recent increase in the number of common shares available for Awards that was approved by the Company s shareholders.

The Board may, at any time and for any reason, amend or terminate the Plan. An amendment of the Plan will be subject to the approval of the Company s shareholders only to the extent required by applicable laws, regulations or rules or requirements of any applicable governmental authority or listing organization governing the trading of the Company s stock. The termination or amendment of the Plan will not affect any Award previously granted under the Plan.

The Committee may amend the terms of any Award previously granted (and the related Award agreement), prospectively or retroactively, but generally, no such amendment may impair the rights of any participant without his or her consent and no such amendment may effect a repricing of any Award without approval of the Company s shareholders.

#### **New Plan Benefits Table**

The table below sets forth the Awards that will be received by the non-employee eligible directors under the Plan as amended. Benefits that may be received by executive officers and other employees are not determinable

and will depend on both the Compensation Committee s actions and the fair market value of the Company s Common Stock at various future dates.

Name and Position

Each Eligible Director<sup>(2)</sup>

Number of Shares

(1)

\$ 80,000

- The number of shares issuable is not determinable as it is based on the fair market value of the shares as of the date of grant. However, no automatic grant shall be made to an eligible director if such grant would cause that eligible director to become an Acquiring Person (as defined in the Stockholder Rights Agreement between the Greenbrier Companies, Inc. and Equiserve Trust Company, N.A. dated as of July 13, 2004, as amended).
- (2) The non-employee members of the Board of Directors of the Company eligible to receive automatic annual awards of restricted stock are Directors Jack, McDougall, McManus, O Neal, Swindells, Teramoto, Ward, Washburn and Whiteley.

#### **Federal Income Tax Information**

The following is a brief summary of the federal income tax consequences of restricted stock grants and restricted stock unit awards under the Plan based on federal income tax laws in effect as of the date of this Proxy Statement. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not describe state or local tax consequences. Additional or different federal income tax consequences to the Plan participant or the Company may result depending upon other considerations not described below.

A recipient of a restricted stock award will recognize taxable income on the later of the date of grant or the date the stock is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (i.e., the date of vesting), based on the fair market value of the shares as of date income is recognized. A recipient of unvested stock may file an election pursuant to Section 83 of the Internal Revenue Code to accelerate recognition of taxable income to the date of grant of the award, provided such election is timely filed, within 30 days of the date of receipt of the stock.

A recipient of an award of stock units will recognize taxable income on the date the stock units vest and the underlying shares are issued, based on the fair market value of the underlying shares as of the date of vesting.

#### **Vote Required For Approval**

The Amendment to the Plan will not become effective until it has been approved by the shareholders of the Company. The proposal is being submitted to shareholders for this purpose. The favorable vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock present or represented either in person or by proxy entitled to vote, and actually voted at the Annual Meeting will be required for approval, provided that the total vote cast on the proposal represents over 50% in interest of all securities entitled to vote on the proposal. Abstentions are considered votes cast and have the same effect as no votes in determining whether the proposal is adopted. Broker non-votes are not counted as voted on the proposal and therefore will not be counted in determining whether the proposal receives the necessary majority vote for approval. The enclosed proxy will be voted for or against approval of the Amendment to the Plan, or as an abstention, in accordance with the instructions specified in the proxy form. If no instructions are given on a properly executed and returned proxy, the proxy will be voted for approval of the Amendment to the Plan.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR approval of the proposed amendments to the 2010 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 4

#### RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

For the years ended August 31, 2011 and 2012, KPMG LLP (KPMG) performed professional services for the Company.

On January 24, 2011, we dismissed Deloitte & Touche LLP ( Deloitte & Touche ) as the independent registered public accountants for the Company. Effective January 24, 2011, the Audit Committee engaged KPMG LLP ( KPMG ) to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company s financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011. The decision to change accountants was approved by the Audit Committee. In deciding to engage KPMG, the Audit Committee reviewed auditor independence and existing commercial relationships with KPMG, and concluded that KPMG has no commercial relationship with the Company that would impair its independence.

Deloitte & Touche did not submit reports on our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2012 or August 31, 2011. During the interim period beginning on September 1, 2010 and ending on January 24, 2011, we had no disagreements with Deloitte & Touche on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to Deloitte & Touche s satisfaction, would have caused Deloitte & Touche to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report. During the interim period beginning on September 1, 2010 and ending on January 24, 2011, Deloitte & Touche did not advise us of any of the matters specified in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

During the interim period beginning on September 1, 2010 and ending on January 24, 2011, we had no consultations with KPMG concerning: (a) the application of accounting principles to a specific transaction or the type of opinion that might be rendered on our financial statements as to which we received oral advice that was an important factor in reaching a decision on any accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (b) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K or a reportable event as described by Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided each of Deloitte & Touche and KPMG a copy of the foregoing disclosure and the opportunity to present for inclusion in this Proxy Statement a statement setting forth any disagreements with the foregoing disclosure or any views that the statements therein are inaccurate or incomplete, and no such statements have been presented.

The Audit Committee has appointed, and recommends the approval of the appointment of, KPMG to audit the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ending August 31, 2013. Shareholder ratification of the Audit Committee s selection of KPMG as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm is not required by the Company s Bylaws or otherwise. The Board of Directors, however, is submitting the selection of KPMG to the shareholders for ratification. In the event the shareholders do not ratify the appointment of KPMG, the selection of an independent registered public accounting firm will be determined by the Audit Committee after careful consideration of any information submitted by the shareholders.

A representative of KPMG is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Unless marked to the contrary, proxies received will be voted FOR ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company s independent auditors for fiscal 2013.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company s independent auditors for fiscal 2013.

#### Fees Paid to KPMG

The Audit Committee pre-approved 100% of the audit services, audit related services, tax services and other services provided by KPMG in fiscal 2012 and 2011.

Audit and audit-related fees paid to KPMG for the years ended August 31, 2012 and 2011 aggregated \$1,809,415 and \$1,645,800, and were composed of the following:

	FY2012	FY2011
Audit Fees	\$ 1,701,415	\$ 1,558,300
Audit Related Fees	108,000	87,500
Total Audit and Audit Related Fees	\$ 1,809,415	\$ 1,645,800
Tax Fees	479,000	70,000
Total Audit, Audit Related and Tax Fees	\$ 2,288,415	\$ 1,715,800

*Audit Fees.* This category consists of fees billed for the audit of the Company s annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the reviews of the financial statements included in the Company s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 review.

Audit Related Fees. This category consists of fees billed for the benefit plan audit and SSAE 16 audits for the years ended August 31, 2012 and 2011.

Tax Fees. This category consists of fees billed for tax return preparation and for services associated with routine tax advice concerning federal, state, local and foreign tax matters.

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy, as amended, for the pre-approval of services provided by the independent auditors. A copy of the Policy Regarding the Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services Provided by the Independent Auditor is attached as <u>Appendix B</u>. The Audit Committee has considered whether the provision by KPMG of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining KPMG s independence.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Management knows of no other matters that will be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. However, the enclosed proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named in the proxy in the event that any other matters should be properly presented to the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

To be eligible for inclusion in the Company s proxy materials for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, a proposal intended to be presented by a shareholder for action at that meeting, in addition to complying with the shareholder eligibility and other requirements of the Commission s rules governing such proposals, must have been received not later than July 25, 2012 by the Secretary of the Company at the Company s principal executive offices, One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035.

Shareholders may bring business before an annual meeting only if the shareholders proceed in compliance with the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws. For business to be properly brought before the 2014 Annual Meeting by a shareholder, notice of the proposed business must be given to the Secretary of the Company in writing on or before the close of business on July 26, 2013. The notice to the Secretary must set forth as to each matter that the shareholder proposes to bring before the meeting: (a) a brief description of the business and reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting; (b) the shareholder s name and address as they appear on the Company s books; (c) the class and number of shares beneficially owned by the shareholder; (d) any material interest of the shareholder in such business and a description of all arrangements and understandings between such shareholder and any other person (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business; and (e) a representation that the shareholder intends to appear in person at the annual meeting and bring such business before the meeting. The presiding officer at any annual meeting shall determine whether any matter was properly brought before the meeting in accordance with the above provisions. If the presiding officer should determine that any matter has not been properly brought before the meeting, he or she will so declare at the meeting and any such matter will not be considered or acted upon.

Shareholders may nominate a candidate for election as a director only if the shareholders proceed in compliance with the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws. For a candidate to be nominated as a director by a shareholder for the 2014 Annual Meeting, notice of such prospective candidate nomination must be received by

the Secretary of the Company in writing on or before the close of business on July 26, 2013. To be in proper written form, a shareholder s notice to the Secretary for an annual meeting of shareholders must (i) set forth as to each person whom the shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director (A) the name, age, business address and residence address of the nominee, (B) the principal occupation or employment of the nominee, (C) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Company which are owned beneficially or of record by the nominee or in which such nominee has an economic interest through derivative instruments, and (D) any other information relating to the nominee that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (ii) set forth as to the shareholder giving the notice (A) the name and record address of such shareholder, (B) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Company which are owned beneficially or of record by such shareholder or in which such shareholder has an economic interest through derivative instruments, (C) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such shareholder and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by such shareholder, (D) a representation that such shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to nominate the persons named in the notice and (E) any other information relating to such shareholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Such notice must be accompanied by a signed written consent of each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Company s proxy materials for the 2014 Annual Meeting, a proposal intended to be presented by a shareholder for action at that meeting, in addition to complying with the shareholder eligibility and other requirements of the Commission s rules governing such proposals, must be received not later than July 26, 2013 by the Secretary of the Company at the Company s principal executive offices, One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035.

A copy of the Company s 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K will be available to shareholders without charge upon request to: Investor Relations, The Greenbrier Companies, Inc., One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035, or on the Company s website at http://www.gbrx.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Sherrill A. Corbett Sherrill A. Corbett Secretary

November 16, 2012

#### APPENDIX A

# POLICY REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

#### **Purpose and Applicability**

We recognize the importance of maintaining the independent and objective viewpoint of our independent auditors. We believe that maintaining independence, both in fact and in appearance, is a shared responsibility involving management, the Audit Committee, and the independent auditors.

The Company (which includes consolidated subsidiaries as used herein) recognizes that the Company s independent registered public accounting firm (the Audit Firm ) possesses a unique knowledge of the Company, and, as a worldwide firm, can provide necessary and valuable services to the Company in addition to the annual audit. Consequently, this policy sets forth guidelines and procedures to be followed by the Company when retaining the Audit Firm to perform audit and nonaudit services.

#### **Policy Statement**

All services provided by the Audit Firm, both audit and nonaudit, must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee or a Designated Member (as defined below). Although the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 permits *de minimis* exceptions, our policy is to pre-approve all audit and nonaudit services. Examples of audit and permitted non-audit services include:

Audits of the Company s financial statements required by SEC rules, lenders, statutory requirements, regulators, and others, including quarterly review procedures.

Consents, comfort letters, reviews of registration statements and similar services that incorporate or include the audited financial statements of the Company, including responding to the SEC or other regulators regarding such financial statements.

Employee benefit plan audits.

Accounting consultations and support related to the application of generally accepted accounting principles or the implementation of new laws or regulations, such as compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including Section 404 of the Act.

Tax compliance and related support for any tax returns filed by the Company, including returns filed by any executive or expatriate under a company-sponsored program.

Tax advice, planning and support.

Merger and acquisition due diligence services.

The Audit Committee or a Designated Member may pre-approve at any time up to one year in advance the provision of particular types of permissible routine and recurring audit-related, tax and other non-audit services, in *each* case described in reasonable detail and subject to any specific annual monetary limit also approved by the Audit Committee or a Designated Member. The Audit Committee must be informed about each such service that is actually provided.

For *each* proposed service, the independent auditors shall provide detailed back-up documentation at the time of approval to permit the Audit Committee or a Designated Member to make a determination whether the provision of such services would impair the auditor s independence. Such documentation should be so detailed that there should never be any doubt as to whether any particular service was brought to the attention of, considered and pre-approved by the Audit Committee or a Designated Member. At a minimum, in connection with seeking pre-approval for a

proposed service or class of services, the Company s independent auditor shall (i) provide the Audit Committee or Designated Member with a written description of the nature and scope of the service, including the fee structure for the engagement; (ii) describe and discuss with the Audit Committee or Designated Member the potential effects of the service on the firm s independence; and (iii) document the substance of its discussion with the Audit Committee or Designated Member. As an example of the level of

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detail required for pre-approval, in connection with pre-approval of the preparation of the Company s federal, state and local corporate tax returns, the back-up documentation provided should identify clearly each return, including information on each jurisdiction where a return is to be filed, the type or types of tax return, and how often each return is to be prepared and filed.

When *considering* whether to grant an approval, the Audit Committee should consider the nature, scope and fees of the service to be provided to the Company as well as the principles and guidance established by the SEC and PCAOB with respect to auditor independence, including the fact that an auditor cannot (i) function in the role of management; (ii) audit his or her own work; or (iii) serve in an advocacy role for the Company.

#### **Delegation of Pre-Approval**

The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more designated member(s) of the Audit Committee a Designated Member ), who is independent as defined under the standards of the NYSE, the authority to grant pre-approvals of permitted services (defined below), or classes of permitted services, to be provided by the Audit Firm. The decisions of a Designated Member to pre-approve a permitted service shall be reported to the Audit Committee at each of its regularly scheduled meetings.

All fees paid to the Audit Firm will be disclosed in the Company s annual proxy statement in accordance with applicable SEC rules, including disclosure of the amount of Audit Fees, Audit Related Fees, Tax Fees and All Other Fees.

#### **Prohibited Services**

The Company may not engage the Audit Firm to provide the nonaudit services described below to the Company, unless it is reasonable to conclude that the results of these services will not be subject to audit procedures during an audit of the Company s financial statements:

- 1. Bookkeeping or Other Services Related to the Company s Accounting Records or Financial Statements. The Audit Firm may not maintain or prepare the Company s accounting records or prepare the Company s financial statements that are either filed with the SEC or form the basis of financial statements filed with the SEC.
- 2. Appraisal or Valuation Services, Fairness Opinions or Contribution-in-Kind Reports. The Audit Firm may not provide appraisal or valuation services when it is reasonably likely that the results of any valuation or appraisal would be material to the Company s financial statements, or where the Audit Firm would audit the results. Transfer studies, cost segregation studies and other tax-only valuations are not prohibited services.
- 3. Actuarial Services. The Audit Firm may not provide insurance actuarial-oriented advisory services unless the Company uses its own actuaries or third party actuaries to provide management with the primary actuarial capabilities, and management accepts responsibility for actuarial methods and assumptions.
- 4. Management Functions or Human Resources. Partners and employees of the Audit Firm may not act as a director, officer, or employee of the Company, or perform any decision-making, supervisory, or ongoing monitoring function for the Company. The Audit Firm cannot recruit potential employees, act as a negotiator on the Company s behalf, deliver employee testing or evaluation programs, or recommend or advise that the Company hire a specific candidate for a specific job.
- 5. Broker-Dealer, Investment Adviser, or Investment Banking Services. The Audit Firm may not serve as a broker-dealer, promoter or underwriter of the Company s securities.
- 6. Legal Services and Expert Services Unrelated to the Audit. The Audit Firm may not provide any service in which the person providing the service must be admitted to practice before the courts of a U.S. jurisdiction.
- 7. Internal Audit Outsourcing. The Audit Firm may not provide any internal audit services relating to accounting controls, financial systems, or financial statements.

- 8. Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation. The Audit Firm may not design or implement a hardware or software system that aggregates source data underlying the financial statements or generates information that is significant to the Company s financial statements, taken as a whole.
- 9. Other Services. The Audit Firm may not provide any other services that the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board determines, by regulation, is impermissible.

Non-prohibited services shall be deemed *permitted* services and may be provided to the Company with the pre-approval of a Designated Member or by the full Audit Committee, as described herein.

#### **Audit Committee Review of Services**

At each regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting, the Audit Committee shall review the following:

A report summarizing the services, or grouping of related services, provided by the Audit Firm.

A listing of newly pre-approved services since its last regularly scheduled meeting. At least annually, the Audit Committee shall review, in addition to the fee disclosure in the proxy statement:

An updated projection for the current fiscal year, presented in a manner consistent with the proxy disclosure requirements, of the estimated annual fees to be paid to the Audit Firm.

#### **Effective Date**

This policy shall be effective immediately upon approval by the Audit Committee.

Adopted by the Audit Committee on April 8, 2003.

Amended on July 10, 2007.

Amended on April 5, 2011.

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#### APPENDIX B

The following Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the Board of Directors in conjunction with a reduction in the annual cash retainer component of director compensation from \$75,000 to \$55,000, which was approved by the Board of Directors on October 30, 2012.

## THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

#### Amendment No. 1

to

#### 2010 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan

Pursuant to Section 15.2 of the 2010 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan ) of The Greenbrier Companies, Inc. (the Company ), the Board of Directors of the Company has amended the Plan as follows:

- 1. <u>Increase in Shares Reserved</u>. Section 3.1 of the Plan is amended to increase the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan from 2,825,000 to 4,325,000.
- 2. <u>Director Restricted Shares</u>. Section 6.1 of the Plan is amended to increase the amount of the annual automatic award of restricted stock to non-employee directors from \$60,000 in value of stock to \$80,000 per year, effective as of January 2013.
- 3. <u>Effective Date</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Amendment No. 1 shall be effective as of the date of approval by the Board of Directors. Except as hereby amended, the Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

  \*\*Approved by the Board of Directors October 30, 2012.

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#### C Authorized Signatures This section must be completed for your vote to be counted. Date and Sign Below

Please sign and date exactly as your name or names appear above. If more than one name appears, all should sign. Persons signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, corporate officer or in any other official or representative capacity, should also provide full title. If a partnership, please sign in full partnership name by authorized person.

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You are cordially invited to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Greenbrier Companies, Inc., which will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon beginning at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please sign, date and return your proxy form as soon as possible so that your shares can be voted at the meeting in accordance with your instructions. If you attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy, if you wish, and vote personally. It is important that your stock be represented.

Sherrill A. Corbett

Secretary

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on January 9, 2013: The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Shareholders are available at <a href="https://www.gbrx.com/proxy">www.gbrx.com/proxy</a>.

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Proxy The Greenbrier Companies, Inc.

## Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company

The undersigned hereby appoints William A. Furman, Charles J. Swindells and C. Bruce Ward as proxies, each with full power of substitution, to vote all of the Common Stock that the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Greenbrier Companies, Inc. to be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 beginning at 2:00 P.M. Portland, Oregon time and at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED, BUT IF NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR, FOR THE RESOLUTION SET FORTH IN PROPOSAL 2 ABOVE, FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 AMENDED AND RESTATED STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN, AND FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY FOR FISCAL 2013. THE PROXY HOLDERS WILL HAVE DISCRETION TO VOTE UPON SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENTS OR POSTPONEMENTS THEREOF.

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