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On April 29, 2015, Trian Fund Management, L.P. issued the following press release:

**TRIAN SENDS LETTER TO DUPONT STOCKHOLDERS HIGHLIGHTING ISS'S
RECOMMENDATION TO VOTE THE GOLD PROXY CARD FOR TRIAN NOMINEES
NELSON PELTZ AND JOHN H. MYERS**

Leading Independent Proxy Advisory Firm Concludes Change is Warranted at DuPont

NEW YORK, April 29, 2015 – Trian Fund Management, L.P., one of the largest stockholders of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (NYSE: DD), which currently beneficially owns approximately 24.6 million DuPont shares valued at approximately \$1.8 billion, is today mailing a letter to DuPont stockholders summarizing Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.'s ("ISS") recommendation to vote the GOLD proxy card for Nelson Peltz and John H. Myers at DuPont's Annual Meeting on May 13, 2015.

Trian believes DuPont can be best-in-class in every aspect of its business – operating performance, earnings growth, returns on invested capital and corporate governance. However, DuPont is not best in class in any of those metrics today. Trian believes the Board is not holding management accountable for consistently poor operating performance and lacks the skills needed to make DuPont **GREAT** again. Trian is pleased that ISS, one of the nation's leading independent proxy advisory firms, agrees with Trian that change is needed on the DuPont Board.

Trian believes **all four** of its highly qualified nominees are needed in the DuPont boardroom to help DuPont make the improvements necessary to return the Company to its former greatness, and urges stockholders to vote the **GOLD** proxy card **FOR** the election of Nelson Peltz, John H. Myers, Arthur B. Winkleblack and Robert J. Zatta.

Trian's letter to stockholders can be found at: www.DuPontCanBeGreat.com.

The letter follows:

April 29, 2015

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We are pleased to inform you that Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (“ISS”), one of the nation’s leading independent proxy advisory firms, agrees with us that change is needed on the DuPont Board. ISS supports our efforts to hold the Board accountable for DuPont’s consistent underperformance, and has recommended that DuPont stockholders vote on the **GOLD** proxy card **FOR** Trian’s nominees Nelson Peltz and John H. Myers at DuPont’s Annual Meeting on May 13, 2015.

As one of DuPont’s largest stockholders with an approximately \$1.8 billion ownership position, our interests are directly aligned with yours. We want DuPont to be best-in-class in every aspect of its business – operating performance, earnings growth, returns on invested capital and corporate governance. Unfortunately, DuPont is not best in class in any of those metrics today, and we believe the Board is not only failing to hold management accountable for poor operating performance, but is also lacking the skills needed to make DuPont **GREAT** again.

We urge you, our fellow stockholders, to vote the enclosed **GOLD** proxy card today to elect **all four** of Trian’s highly qualified nominees – Nelson Peltz, John H. Myers, Arthur B. Winkleblack and Robert J. Zatta – who will seek to drive improvements at DuPont for the benefit of all stockholders. While ISS recommends that DuPont stockholders vote on the **GOLD** proxy card **FOR** Trian’s nominees Nelson Peltz and John H. Myers, ISS also highlighted the strength of Mr. Zatta and Mr. Winkleblack, stating that they “appear well-qualified nominees, particularly given their experiences as CFO’s with significant strategic responsibilities.”

ISS AGREES: CHANGE IS WARRANTED AT DUPONT

ISS's voting recommendation further underscores our view that increased oversight is needed in the DuPont boardroom to improve performance and enhance stockholder value. If elected as a minority to the DuPont Board, our nominees pledge to provide the ownership mentality and oversight necessary to address the root cause of the issues at DuPont and drive meaningful value creation.

Importantly, we are pleased that ISS recognizes the value that a Trian Principal brings to the boardroom, and cuts through DuPont's *blatant mischaracterization* of a Trian "shadow management team." In its recommendation that stockholders elect Mr. Peltz to the Board, ISS acknowledged the effectiveness of the "Trian method" whereby the full resources of Trian are mobilized when a Trian Principal joins a board. ISS noted that Trian provides "its executives who go on boards with extensive analytic support throughout their tenures," which we believe helps eliminate management's information advantage and ensures that the boardroom becomes a place of constructive debate. **This practice not only helps to "raise the bar" for other board members and management, but as ISS noted, it may be "necessary to drive the appropriate change" at DuPont.**

ISS ACKNOWLEDGES DUPONT'S CONSISTENT UNDERPERFORMANCE AND THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN THE BOARDROOM

In making its recommendation, ISS noted:

"...[T]here is compelling evidence that the dissidents are onto something in their critique. Operating efficiency is not what it should be, yet instead of addressing the core issues, the board and management, at least in their communications with shareholders, are more inclined to obfuscation than accountability."

"The risk ultimately, is highlighted in the telling example with which the dissidents began their critique: the rise in share prices which the board touts as evidence of 'delivering superior shareholder value' is increasingly disconnected from financial performance. It cannot remain disconnected forever, particularly when the company is still forecasting that key metrics of performance, like EPS, will continue to underperform the level they achieved more than three years ago, no matter how many 'new' products the company's 'innovation platform' has launched in the interim."

"If it remains utterly unclear whether this company should in fact be broken up, it seems eminently clear that there is a compelling need for a minority change at the board level to address these myriad other, more immediate and perhaps more promising, issues the dissidents have substantiated."

“Even with a relatively flat aggregate margin, however, the company should have been able to beat its 2011 EPS number during the succeeding three years.”

“If it is true that spinning the Performance Chemicals will reduce expenses, one has to at least concede it will also reduce revenue, which is hardly the point of cost-cutting to begin with...Spinning off a business to “cut costs” is like removing your coat so you can tell the doctor you’ve lost weight: repeat the move until you’ve shed the last vestige of modesty, but you still won’t have addressed the real issue.”

ISS’S RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS THE STRENGTH OF TRIAN’S FOUR HIGHLY QUALIFIED NOMINEES

We believe **all four** of our highly qualified nominees bring strong track records of value creation, a diverse set of relevant skills, passion and independent perspectives that are needed to help DuPont be **GREAT** again. In its report, ISS also recognized the merits of our nominees:

“The evidence of this contest strongly suggests that the extensive preparation of the Trian method – providing its executives who go on boards with extensive analytic support throughout their tenures – may be not simply desirable, but necessary to drive the appropriate change. Ultimately this appears to be less a ‘shadow management team’ than about a commitment to informed and effective participation in the boardroom. Peltz’ election thus seems clearly in the best interest of all shareholders.”

“For a management team, getting that sort of intensive, unsolicited, ‘help’ – as dissident nominee Winkleblack, who was CFO at Heinz when Peltz won seats in 2006, freely admits – can be unwelcome at first. Shareholders, however should consider the larger question of whether it may be necessary: have management and the incumbent board demonstrated sufficient accountability for results, and clarity in their communications with shareholders, that such ‘help’ is unnecessary?...[T]here is credible reason to believe such ‘help’ might be beneficial to shareholders.”

“Given the evidence of other such situations in which Peltz served as a director – such as Ingersoll-Rand, where he was persuaded through discussion and the better information available to those in the boardroom that a three-way break up was not feasible – the real risk seems less that one wily shareholder nominee outfoxes eight incumbents than that the right issues are never fully aired.”

“The GE Asset Management story itself, however, may best illustrate why [Myers’] presence in this board room could be advantageous for all shareholders. Myers grew the asset management business from \$58 billion to \$200 billion in AUM over his two decades – 13% CAGR. As one consequence, GE did not have to make any corporate contributions over the two decades of his tenure.”

“Like Peltz, [Myers] brings an investor perspective to the boardroom – but he also has significant, long-term experience managing and growing a business within a larger conglomerate structure.”

While ISS recommends that DuPont stockholders vote on the **GOLD** proxy card **FOR** Trian's nominees Nelson Peltz and John H. Myers, it also highlighted the strength of Mr. Zatta and Mr. Winkleblack:

"Both Zatta and Winkleblack appear well-qualified nominees, particularly given their experience as CFO's with significant strategic responsibilities. In an engagement with the dissident nominees as part of our research process, their CFO experiences seem sufficiently diverse to believe they would be complementary, not duplicative in the boardroom."

"Zatta's role at specialty chemicals company Rockwood Holdings, Inc. from 2001 through its sale to Albemarle Corp. in 2014 is clearly relevant for the industry background – but also for the performance of the company itself, such as 7-year EPS CAGR of 19% – nearly four times that of the S&P chemical index – through the point at which it sold more than half its business in 2013. [R]ockwood...produced best-in-class margins – in part by hewing to a lean strategy under which corporate costs were never more than 1% of sales."

"Winkleblack, though CFO at Heinz for over a decade, also had 15 years prior experience at AlliedSignal and PepsiCo, as well as six years in private equity. Like Zatta at Rockwood, Winkleblack's tenure at Heinz reflects a keen attentiveness to efficient growth: Return on Invested Capital, for example, increased 560 basis points from 2006-2012 even as the company grew to become a leading global player with 2/3 of its sales outside the US, including doubling its revenue from emerging markets."

Trian continues to believe **all four of its highly qualified nominees, including Mr. Winkleblack and Mr. Zatta, are needed in the DuPont boardroom** to help DuPont make the improvements necessary to return the Company to its former greatness. We urge you to vote the **GOLD** proxy card today to elect **all four** of Trian's highly qualified nominees, who, if elected, pledge to work constructively with the Board and management to make DuPont **GREAT** again.

TRIAN HAS ALREADY BEEN A CATALYST FOR POSITIVE CHANGE AT DUPONT, BUT THERE IS MUCH MORE TO BE DONE

While we believe that we have already made an impact at DuPont, we also believe that there is much more value to be created. A vote for Trian's nominees is a vote for four highly qualified individuals who will seek to work collaboratively with the Board to:

1. **Assess the corporate structure** and determine whether management is capable of achieving best-in-class revenue growth and margins with the existing portfolio or whether there is a need to separate the portfolio; Trian nominees are open-minded as to the best path forward
2. **Eliminate excess corporate costs** and ensure productivity initiatives hit the bottom line
- 3.

Assess capital allocation including organic investments (R&D, capital expenditures, industrial biosciences initiatives), M&A, and balance sheet efficiency / capital return policies (increasing dividends)

4. **Improve corporate governance** including transparency of business performance, alignment of compensation programs with performance, and overall accountability for promised performance
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Trian has a long track record of improving the operating results of the underperforming companies in which we invest, and we pride ourselves on working collaboratively with management teams and boards to assure management accountability and enhanced engagement in the boardroom. **We encourage you to review the comments of directors who have served on boards with Trian's Principals, which are available at www.DuPontCanBeGreat.com.** As ISS states, the "testimonials from prior boards on which Peltz has served suggest this is ultimately not a 'shadow management team' so much as a commitment to ensuring informed and effective advocacy participation in the boardroom."

PROTECT AND ENHANCE YOUR INVESTMENT – VOTE GOLD TODAY

If you agree that this election is about holding DuPont's management accountable for underperformance and ensuring that the Board includes directors who will work hard for all stockholders to help make DuPont **GREAT** again, we urge you to vote the **GOLD** proxy card today to elect Nelson Peltz, John H. Myers, Arthur B. Winkleblack, and Robert J. Zatta. **Your vote is important, no matter how many or how few shares you own.**

More information about Trian and our four highly qualified director nominees can be found on our website at:

www.DuPontCanBeGreat.com.

You may vote by telephone, Internet or by signing, dating and returning the **GOLD** proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. Your vote is extremely important. Please discard any white proxy cards you have received from DuPont. If you have already returned a white proxy card, you can change your vote simply by signing, dating and returning a **GOLD** proxy card today. Only your latest dated proxy card will be counted.

We look forward to moving past this election and working constructively with members of management and the Board to continue to effect positive change at DuPont for the benefit of all stockholders. We greatly appreciate the support that we have received so far and we urge all stockholders to vote for our nominees on the **GOLD** proxy card so that together we can make DuPont **GREAT** again.

Sincerely,

Nelson Peltz
*Founding Partner &
Chief Executive Officer*

Peter May
*Founding Partner &
President*

Ed Garden
*Founding Partner &
Chief Investment Officer*

Note: Trian has neither sought nor obtained consent from any third party to use previously published information in this letter. ISS quotes are from the ISS Special Situations Research Analysis, “DuPont (DD): proxy contest with Trian Fund Management,” dated April 26, 2015.

About Trian Fund Management, L.P.

Founded in 2005 by Nelson Peltz, Peter May and Ed Garden, Trian seeks to invest in high quality but undervalued and under-performing public companies and to work constructively with the management and boards of those companies to significantly enhance shareholder value for all shareholders through a combination of improved operational execution, strategic re-direction, more efficient capital allocation and increased focus.

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Additional Information

Trian and the investment funds that it manages that hold shares of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (collectively, Trian with such funds, “Trian Partners”) together with other Participants (as defined below), filed a definitive proxy statement and an accompanying proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 25, 2015 to be used to solicit proxies in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (the “Company”), including any adjournments or postponements thereof or any special meeting that may be called in lieu thereof (the “2015 Annual Meeting”). Information relating to the participants in such proxy solicitation (the “Participants”) has been included in that definitive proxy statement and in any other amendments to that definitive proxy statement. Stockholders are advised to read the definitive proxy statement and any other documents related to the solicitation of stockholders of the Company in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting because they contain important information, including additional information relating to the Participants. Trian Partners’ definitive proxy statement and a form of proxy have been mailed to stockholders of the Company. These

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