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UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC.
5429 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 230
DALLAS, TEXAS 75240

March 28, 2014

Dear Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders at 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, May 2, 2014, at the Wyndham Dallas Suites Park Central, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas, 75240. Please refer to the back of this letter for directions. The meeting will be preceded by an informal reception starting at 9:30 a.m., at which you will have an opportunity to meet our directors and officers.

Enclosed with this letter is a Notice of 2014 Annual Meeting, proxy statement, proxy card, and 2013 Annual Report to Shareholders. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, it is important that your shares be represented. I urge you to complete, sign, date, and mail the enclosed proxy card at your earliest convenience, or use Internet or telephone voting according to the instructions on the proxy card. If you attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy by voting in person. You may also revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the meeting by submitting to us a written notice of revocation, or you may submit a signed proxy card with a later date or vote through the Internet or by telephone at a later date.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with you at the annual meeting on May 2, 2014.

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Byrne
President and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC.
DIRECTIONS TO THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014, AT 10:00 A.M.
WYNDHAM DALLAS SUITES PARK CENTRAL
7800 ALPHA ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS 75240

Directions from Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport:

Take the North exit from the Airport

East on I-635 (Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway)

Exit at Coit Road, turning North (left) onto Coit

Turn left onto westbound access road

Turn right onto Blossomheath Lane, hotel entrance is on the right

Directions from Downtown Dallas:

North on North Central Expressway (U.S. 75)

Exit at Coit Road (exit passes over U.S. 75 and joins Coit)

Continue North on Coit until you cross over I-635 (Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway)

Turn left onto westbound access road

Turn right onto Blossomheath Lane, hotel entrance is on the right

UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC.

**5429 LBJ Freeway
Suite 230
Dallas, Texas 75240**

**NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
To Be Held on May 2, 2014**

*To the Shareholders of
United States Lime & Minerals, Inc.:*

Notice is hereby given that the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of United States Lime & Minerals, Inc., a Texas corporation (the "Company"), will be held on Friday, the 2nd day of May 2014, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Wyndham Dallas Suites Park Central, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas 75240 (the "Annual Meeting"), for the following purposes:

1. To elect five directors to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified;
2. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation;
3. To vote upon a proposal to approve the United States Lime & Minerals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Information regarding the matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting is contained in the proxy statement accompanying this Notice.

The Board of Directors fixed the close of business on March 19, 2014 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. A complete list of such shareholders will be available for inspection during usual business hours for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting at the corporate office of the Company in Dallas, Texas.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. **Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, shareholders are urged to complete, sign, and date the accompanying proxy card and to return it promptly in the postage-paid return envelope provided, or use Internet or telephone voting according to the instructions on the proxy card.** A shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke the proxy by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person, by sending the Company a written notice of revocation, by submitting a signed proxy card with a later date or by voting through the Internet or by telephone at a later date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Timothy W. Byrne
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dallas, Texas
March 28, 2014

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders To Be Held on May 2, 2014: The Company's 2014 Proxy Statement and 2013 Annual Report to Shareholders, including the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, are available at http://uslm.com/shareholder_information.html.

UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC.
5429 LBJ Freeway
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Dallas, Texas 75240

**PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
To Be Held on May 2, 2014**

INTRODUCTION

The accompanying proxy card, mailed together with this proxy statement, is solicited by and on behalf of the board of directors of United States Lime & Minerals, Inc., a Texas corporation (the "company," "we," "us" or "our"), for use at our 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice. The approximate date on which this proxy statement and the proxy card were first given or sent to our shareholders is March 28, 2014.

Shares of our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, represented by valid proxy cards, duly signed, dated, and returned to us, or voted through the Internet or by telephone according to the instructions on the proxy card, and not revoked, will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the directions given. In the absence of directions to the contrary, such shares will be voted:

FOR the election of the five nominees named in the proxy card to our board of directors;

FOR the approval, on a non-binding advisory basis, of the company's executive compensation; and

FOR approval of the United States Lime & Minerals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

If any other matter is properly brought before the annual meeting for action at the meeting, which is not currently anticipated, the persons designated to serve as proxies will vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

Any shareholder may revoke a proxy at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting by attending the meeting and voting in person, by giving written notice of revocation to us addressed to Timothy W. Byrne, President and Chief Executive Officer, United States Lime & Minerals, Inc., 5429 LBJ Freeway, Suite 230, Dallas, Texas 75240, by submitting a signed proxy card with a later date or by voting through the Internet or by telephone at a later date according to the instructions on the proxy card. However, no such revocation will be effective unless such revocation has been received by us before the proxy is voted at the annual meeting.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER

Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on March 19, 2014, the record date for the annual meeting, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The presence of the holders of a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock is necessary to constitute a quorum. On the record date for the meeting, there were issued and outstanding 5,577,283 shares of our stock. At the meeting, each shareholder of record on March 19, 2014 will be entitled to one vote for each share registered in such shareholder's name on the record date.

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The following table sets forth, as of March 19, 2014, information with respect to the only shareholder known to us to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of our issued and outstanding shares:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
Inberdon Enterprises Ltd. 1020-789 West Pender Street Vancouver, British Columbia Canada V6C 1H2(1)	3,478,390(1)	62.37%(1)

- (1) Inberdon Enterprises Ltd. ("Inberdon") is principally engaged in the acquisition and holding of securities of aggregate producing companies located in North America. All of the outstanding shares of Inberdon are held, indirectly through a number of private companies, by Mr. George M. Doumet.

SHAREHOLDINGS OF COMPANY DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The table below sets forth the number of shares beneficially owned, as of March 19, 2014, by each of our directors and named executive officers individually and by all directors and executive officers as a group:

Name	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned(1)	Percent of Class
Timothy W. Byrne	63,990(2)(3)(4)	1.15%
Richard W. Cardin	11,533(3)	(6)
Antoine M. Doumet(5)	16,800(3)	(6)
Billy R. Hughes	24,357	(6)
Edward A. Odishaw		
David P. Leymeister	2,594(4)	(6)
M. Michael Owens	11,384(3)(4)	(6)
Russell W. Riggs	6,873(4)	(6)
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (8 persons)	137,531(2)(3)(4)	2.47%

- (1) All shares are directly held with sole voting and dispositive power unless otherwise indicated.
- (2) Includes 6,845 shares allocated to Mr. Byrne under our 401(k) plan.
- (3) Includes the following shares subject to stock options exercisable within the next 60 days granted under our Amended and Restated 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2001 Plan"): Mr. Byrne, 22,500; Mr. Cardin, 2,000; Mr. Doumet, 16,800; and Mr. Owens, 3,000.
- (4) Includes the following shares of restricted stock granted under our 2001 Plan that were not vested as of March 19, 2014: Mr. Byrne, 10,000; Mr. Leymeister, 734; Mr. Owens, 717; and Mr. Riggs, 1,350.
- (5) Mr. Doumet is the brother of Mr. George M. Doumet, who indirectly owns all of the outstanding shares of Inberdon.
- (6) Less than 1%.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Five directors, constituting our entire board of directors, are to be elected at the 2014 annual meeting to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified. All of the nominees are currently directors and have been recommended for re-election by the nominating and corporate governance committee of the board and nominated by the board. If any nominee should become unavailable for election for any presently unforeseen reason, the persons designated to serve as proxies will have full discretion to vote for another person nominated by the board.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares entitled to vote in the election of directors at the annual meeting. Our Restated Articles of Incorporation prohibit cumulative voting for the election of directors.

Our board of directors and nominating and corporate governance committee unanimously recommend that all shareholders vote FOR the election of all our director nominees. All duly submitted and unrevoked proxies will be voted FOR all our nominees, except where authorization to so vote is withheld. Votes withheld and broker non-votes are not counted in the election of directors.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

The five nominees for director are named below. Each has consented to serve as a director if elected. Set forth below is pertinent information with respect to each nominee:

Timothy W. Byrne

Mr. Byrne, age 56, rejoined us on December 8, 2000 as our President and Chief Executive Officer, positions he previously held during 1997 and 1998. Mr. Byrne has served as a director since 1991, and served in various positions, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration, from 1990 to 1998. Prior to rejoining us in 2000, Mr. Byrne was president of an internet services and communications company focused on strategy, marketing and technology. The board selected Mr. Byrne to serve as a director because he is our Chief Executive Officer and has been with the company for more than 20 years in various operational and financial positions. Mr. Byrne is also a past president of the National Lime Association. He has extensive knowledge of the lime industry and our operations, markets and finances and is the only officer of the company to sit on the board.

Richard W. Cardin

Mr. Cardin, age 78, has served as a director since 1998. He retired as a partner of Arthur Andersen LLP in 1995, having spent 37 years with that firm. He was office managing partner with Arthur Andersen LLP in Nashville, Tennessee from 1980 until 1994. He was a member of the board of directors of Atmos Energy Corporation, a natural gas utility company, through February 2011, and was, until the corporation was sold in November 2006, a member of the board of directors of Intergraph Corporation, a global provider of spatial information management software and services. The board selected Mr. Cardin, a certified public accountant (inactive) and an audit committee financial expert, to serve as a director because of his accounting, finance and risk management background, his board and audit committee experience at other public companies, as well as his operational and leadership skills gained as an office managing partner of a major accounting firm.

Antoine M. Doumet

Mr. Doumet, age 54, has served as a director since 1993 and as Chairman of the board since 2005, and served as Vice Chairman from 1993 until 2005. He is a private businessman and investor. From 1989 to 1995, he served as a director of MELEC, a French electrical engineering and contracting company. From 1988 to 1992, Mr. Doumet served as vice president and a director of Lebanon Chemicals Company. Mr. Doumet is the brother of Mr. George M. Doumet, who indirectly owns all of the outstanding shares of Inberdon. The board selected Mr. Doumet to serve as a director because of his brother's majority control of the company and his extensive management, operational and engineering background as a result of his educational training and oversight of a variety of private business units, some with operations similar to ours.

Billy R. Hughes

Mr. Hughes, age 75, has served as a director since February 2010. He began his career with us in 1973 as a salesperson for the Arkansas Lime plant and served as Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing from 1998 to January 2008 and Senior Vice President Development from February 2008 until his retirement in February 2009. He has more than 35 years of experience in the lime and limestone industry serving in various sales and marketing positions for the company and its subsidiaries. The board selected Mr. Hughes to serve as a director because of his extensive knowledge of our operations, customers and history, particularly the markets for the company's lime and limestone products.

Edward A. Odishaw

Mr. Odishaw, age 78, has served as a director since 1993 and as Vice Chairman of the board since 2005, and served as Chairman from 1993 until 2005. Mr. Odishaw is chairman of Austpro Energy Corporation, a public Canadian corporation. Between 1964 and 1999, he practiced law in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Canada, with emphasis on commercial law, corporate mergers and acquisitions and finance. Between 1992 and 1999, Mr. Odishaw was a barrister and solicitor with the law firm of Boughton Peterson Yang Anderson, located in Vancouver, Canada. From 1972 to 1992, Mr. Odishaw was a barrister and solicitor with the law firm of Swinton & Company, Vancouver, Canada. Mr. Odishaw holds directorships in numerous companies and associations in Canada. Mr. Odishaw is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia and is a non-practicing member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. The board selected Mr. Odishaw to serve as a director because of his many years of legal experience in financial and transactional matters and his management and leadership experience as a director of various companies and associations.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS**

David P. Leymeister

Mr. Leymeister, age 59, joined us in January 2008 as our Vice President Sales & Marketing. He has more than 35 years of sales experience, including more than 15 years in sales management. From 2003 until he joined us, Mr. Leymeister was vice president of sales for Steelscape, a coated sheet steel producer on the West Coast. Prior to 2003, he held various sales and sales management positions within Bethlehem Steel.

M. Michael Owens

Mr. Owens, age 60, joined us in 2002 as our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. He has more than 35 years of financial and accounting experience and is a

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certified public accountant. Prior to joining us, Mr. Owens was vice president - finance at Sunshine Mining and Refining Company, a silver mining company. Mr. Owens held various financial and accounting officer positions with Sunshine from 1983 to 2002.

Russell W. Riggs

Mr. Riggs, age 56, joined us in January 2006 as our Vice President - Production. He has more than 30 years of experience in the lime and limestone industry. During 2005, he acted as a consultant for various engineering companies, and also as a project manager for a specialty minerals-based company. Prior to 2005, Mr. Riggs held various plant and operations management positions with Chemical Lime Company.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We have adopted corporate governance practices in accordance with the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Market and commensurate with our size.

Upon the recommendation of the nominating and corporate governance committee, the board has determined that Messrs. Cardin, Doumet, Hughes and Odishaw are independent within the meaning of Nasdaq rules. In making the determination that Mr. Doumet is independent, the committee and the board considered the fact that Mr. Doumet is the brother of Mr. George M. Doumet, who indirectly owns all of the outstanding shares of Inberdon. In making the determination that Mr. Hughes is independent, the committee and the board considered the fact that more than three years have elapsed since Mr. Hughes' employment with us terminated. Mr. Byrne, our president and chief executive officer, is not independent within the meaning of the Nasdaq rules.

Our board of directors meets at least four times each year, and more frequently as required, and is responsible for overseeing the management of the business and affairs of the company, including the development of our major policy and strategy. The board has a standing nominating and corporate governance committee, audit committee, compensation committee and executive committee.

For a number of years, we have had the practice of separating the roles of chairman of our board and our president and chief executive officer. We believe that this leadership structure has served us well and may be expected to continue.

Our board of directors as a whole has overall responsibility for risk oversight. The board is involved in major operational and financial decisions, looking to the appropriate board committees for decisions and recommendations in their areas of specific responsibilities. As discussed below, our audit committee oversees our financial reporting, internal control, accounting, disclosure, related-party transaction and "whistleblower" processes and procedures, while our compensation committee considers the impact of our executive compensation policies and practices on the risk profile of our company in making its compensation decisions. Our executive committee is chaired by our independent chairman, and three-fourths of the committee consists of independent directors.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, our board of directors held four meetings, the nominating and corporate governance committee held two meetings, the audit committee held six meetings and the compensation committee held one meeting. The executive committee did not meet during 2013. During 2013, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (a) the total number of meetings held by the board and (b) the total number of meetings held by all committees, on which he served. The board has a policy encouraging each director to attend our annual meeting of shareholders, and all of our directors attended the 2013 annual meeting. The board also has a policy that, in conjunction with each regularly scheduled meeting of the board, the independent directors will meet in executive session.

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Governance responsibilities are undertaken by our board of directors as a whole, with certain specific responsibilities delegated to the four committees as described below:

Our nominating and corporate governance committee (the "nominating committee") is currently composed of Messrs. Doumet (chairman), Cardin, Hughes and Odishaw, each of whom is an independent director. The primary purposes of the nominating committee are to identify and recommend individuals to serve as members of our board, to recommend to the board the duties, responsibilities and members of each committee, and to assist the board with other matters to ensure effective corporate governance, including making independence and other determinations related to director qualifications. The nominating committee is responsible for administering the board's procedures for consideration of director nominees recommended by shareholders and the board's process for shareholder communications with directors. The nominating committee will consider qualified candidates for nomination for election to the board recommended by our directors, officers and shareholders. In considering all such candidates, the nominating committee will take into account the candidate's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, in light of the size, structure, composition, diversity and needs of the board, in the following areas: our industries; accounting and finance; business judgment; management; leadership; business strategy; risk management; and corporate governance. All candidates should have a reputation for integrity, have experience in positions with a high degree of responsibility, be leaders in the companies, institutions or professions with which they have been affiliated, and be capable of making a sound contribution to the company. Shareholders wishing to recommend a director candidate for consideration by the nominating committee should send all relevant information with respect to the individual to the chairman of the committee in care of our secretary. Shareholders and other interested persons who wish to contact our directors on other matters should contact our secretary. Our secretary, who may be contacted by mail at our corporate address or by e-mail at uslime@uslm.com, forwards communications to the director(s) as addressed in such communication. The nominating committee has adopted a written charter, which is available on our website located at http://uslm.com/corporate_governance.html. The nominating committee reviews and assesses the adequacy of its charter on an annual basis.

Our audit committee is currently composed of Messrs. Cardin (chairman), Hughes and Odishaw. Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, our board has determined that each member of the audit committee is independent and meets the other qualification standards set by law, regulation and applicable Nasdaq listing standards. Based on his past education, employment experience and professional certification in public accounting, the board has determined that Mr. Cardin qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The audit committee oversees the company's financial reporting, internal control, accounting and disclosure processes on behalf of our board, is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm ("independent auditors") and may, in its discretion, engage independent counsel or other advisers as the committee may determine to assist it in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. The audit committee is also responsible for overseeing the administration of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is available on our website located at http://uslm.com/corporate_governance.html; reviewing and approving all related-party transactions; and administering our procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting control and auditing matters and for the confidential anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, including our "whistleblower" procedures. Under our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our audit committee charter, we have written policies and procedures for the review and approval of related-party transactions. Proposed transactions with related persons and other transactions, arrangements or relationships involving a director or executive officer that may involve potential conflicts of interest are to be submitted in advance to

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the audit committee for its review and approval, with any involved director or executive officer playing no role in the investigation and consideration of the matter. In considering whether to approve any such related-party transactions, including with Inberdon, the audit committee would consider whether the transaction was in the best interests of the company and all of its shareholders; whether the same or a similar transaction were available to the company from unrelated third parties on equal or better terms; and whether the terms of the related-party transaction were negotiated at arms'-length and were at least as favorable to the company as any other reasonably available transaction with another party. Advice from independent advisers, including formal fairness opinions, would be sought where appropriate. The audit committee has adopted a written charter, which, as amended on April 26, 2013, is available on our website located at http://uslm.com/corporate_governance.html. The audit committee reviews and assesses the adequacy of the charter on an annual basis. The Report of the Audit Committee is set forth below.

Our compensation committee is currently composed of three independent directors, Messrs. Odishaw (chairman), Cardin and Doumet. The compensation committee is responsible for the evaluation, approval and administration of salary, incentive compensation, bonuses, benefit plans and other forms of compensation for our officers and certain other management employees, including how our compensation policies and practices relate to our risk management processes and procedures and risk-taking incentives consistent with our overall risk profile. The compensation committee is responsible for administering our 2001 Plan. The compensation committee may, in its discretion, engage any compensation consultants, legal counsel or other advisers as the committee may determine to assist it in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. The compensation committee has adopted a written charter, which, as amended on June 28, 2013, is available on our website located at http://uslm.com/corporate_governance.html. The compensation committee reviews and assesses the adequacy of the charter on an annual basis. The Report of the Compensation Committee is set forth below.

Our executive committee is currently composed of Messrs. Doumet (chairman), Byrne, Hughes and Odishaw. Within the policy and strategic direction provided by our board, the executive committee may exercise all of the powers of the board, except those required by law, regulation or Nasdaq listing standards to be exercised by the full board or another committee of the board, and is required to report to the board on all matters considered and actions taken since the last meeting of the full board.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee is composed of three independent directors as defined under the applicable rules of the Nasdaq Global Market, Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Committee oversees the company's financial reporting, internal control, accounting and disclosure processes on behalf of the board of directors. The Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the company's independent registered public accounting firm ("independent auditors"). Management has primary responsibility for the company's financial statements and reporting processes, including the company's systems of internal control. Grant Thornton LLP, the company's independent auditors, is responsible for performing independent audits of the company's financial statements and its internal control over financial reporting, in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (the "PCAOB"), and expressing opinions, based on its audits, as to the conformity of such financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as to the effectiveness of such internal control over financial reporting.

In the performance of its oversight function, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the company's audited financial statements and internal control over financial reporting with management and the independent auditors. The Committee has also discussed with the independent auditors the other matters required to be discussed under PCAOB standards. In addition, the Committee has received from the independent auditors the written disclosures and the letter concerning independence required by the PCAOB and discussed with them their independence from the company and its management. The Committee has considered whether the independent auditors' provision of non-audit services to the company is compatible with the auditors' independence.

The Audit Committee meets with the independent auditors, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluation of the company's internal control over financial reporting and the overall quality of the company's financial reporting.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended, and the board of directors approved, the inclusion of the company's audited financial statements in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 for filing with the SEC.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors,

Richard W. Cardin,
Chairman
Billy R. Hughes
Edward A. Odishaw

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The compensation committee of our board has the responsibility for administering our executive compensation program. The committee reviews and, as appropriate, makes recommendations to the full board regarding the base salaries and annual cash bonuses for executive officers, and administers our 2001 Plan, including the grant of stock options and shares of restricted stock and cash awards. Where appropriate, we may enter into employment agreements with certain executive officers.

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives. Our principal executive compensation policy, which is endorsed by the committee, is to provide a compensation program for executive officers that will attract, motivate and retain persons of high quality and will support a long-standing internal culture of loyalty and dedication to the interests of the company and our shareholders in order to assist us in creating long-term shareholder value. In administering the executive compensation program, the committee is mindful of the following principles and guidelines, which are supported by the full board:

Base salaries for executive officers should be competitive.

A sufficient portion of annual compensation should be at risk in order to align the interests of executive officers with those of our shareholders.

The variable part of annual compensation should reflect both individual and corporate performance.

As a person's level of responsibility increases, a greater portion of total compensation should be at risk and include more stock-based compensation to provide executive officers long-term incentives and help to align further the interests of such executives and shareholders in the enhancement of shareholder value.

Our executive compensation program currently has three primary components: base salary, annual cash bonuses and stock-based awards granted pursuant to our 2001 Plan. In addition, an executive officer may receive certain benefits that are specifically provided for in his employment agreement or are generally available to all salaried employees. We do not have any defined benefit pension plans, non-qualified deferred compensation arrangements or supplemental retirement plans for our executive officers.

For each executive officer, the committee determines the appropriate level for each compensation component based in part on its view of competitive market factors, internal equity and consistency and other considerations deemed relevant, such as rewarding extraordinary performance. The committee has not adopted any formal or informal policies or guidelines for allocating compensation among different forms of cash compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation or between currently paid and long-term compensation. The committee also considers the potential risk incentive each compensation component may have on an executive officer and believes that the compensation packages for our executive officers achieve the appropriate balance of cash and non-cash, discretionary and performance-based and short-term and long-term incentives and do not encourage undue or inappropriate risk-taking. Our president and chief executive officer provides the committee with recommendations for executive officers other than himself, which the committee reviews and approves as submitted or with revisions, if any.

The committee has not engaged an outside compensation consultant. Although the committee does not formally benchmark any component of our executive officer compensation to a particular target percentile of any other company's compensation, the committee does consider data that allows a general comparison of the overall compensation for our executive officers with that of other comparable size non-durable manufacturing companies. In addition, in considering our executive compensation for 2013, the committee took into account the favorable outcome of the shareholder advisory vote on executive

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compensation in connection with the company's 2013 annual meeting of shareholders and, therefore, did not feel that any changes were required to our executive compensation program.

Base Salaries. The committee determines levels of our executive officers' base salaries so as to be competitive with amounts paid to executives performing similar functions in comparable size non-durable manufacturing companies. The amount of each executive officer's annual increase in base salary, if any, is based on a number of largely subjective factors, including changes in the individual's duties and responsibilities, the personal performance of such executive officer, the performance of the company, cost-of-living increases, and such other factors as the committee deems appropriate, including the individual's overall mix between fixed and variable compensation and between cash and stock-based compensation. In the case of Mr. Byrne, his employment agreement provides for a base salary of at least \$350,000.

Mr. Byrne's base salary is reviewed annually for adjustment effective January 1. The base salaries of Messrs. Leymeister, Owens and Riggs are also reviewed annually for adjustment. In determining salary increases in 2013, the primary factors considered were the executive officers' individual performances, the performance of the company and the cost-of-living. Salary rate increases for Messrs. Byrne, Leymeister, Owens and Riggs in 2013 were 2.6%, 2.2%, 2.5% and 2.9%, respectively. The 2014 salary rate increase for Mr. Byrne was 2.6%, effective January 1, 2014. The salary rate increases for the remaining executive officers in 2014 have not yet been determined.

Annual Cash Bonuses. Each of our executive officers is eligible to receive annual cash bonuses based on discretionary determinations made by the committee. Except in the case of Mr. Byrne, we have not adopted a formal or informal annual bonus arrangement with pre-set performance goals. Rather, the committee's determination to pay a cash bonus, if any, is made in December each year based on the committee's subjective judgment with respect to the past performance of the individual and the company or on the attainment of non-quantified performance goals during the year. In either such case, the discretionary bonus may be based on the specific accomplishments of the individual and/or on the overall performance of the company. Discretionary bonuses are normally paid after our earnings for the applicable year are released. The amounts of the discretionary bonuses for 2013 were based on each executive officer's individual performance and accomplishments and the performance of the company, including the decline in gross profit of our lime and limestone operations, during 2013 and are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table. In the case of Mr. Byrne, in addition to the possibility of a discretionary cash bonus in the subjective judgment of the committee, Mr. Byrne's employment agreement provides that he is entitled to an objective annual cash bonus opportunity under our 2001 Plan based on our EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, computed without regard to the effects of any awards granted under our 2001 Plan) of \$100,000 if EBITDA is \$22,000,000; \$175,000 if EBITDA is \$25,000,000; \$250,000 if EBITDA is \$27,000,000; \$300,000 if EBITDA is \$29,000,000; and the greater of \$350,000 or his base salary at the start of the performance year if EBITDA is equal to or greater than \$31,000,000, for each year while he is employed under his employment agreement. Any such EBITDA cash bonuses are prorated between breakpoints. In 2013, our EBITDA as calculated under his agreement exceeded \$31,000,000. As a result, we paid Mr. Byrne in 2014 an EBITDA cash bonus for 2013 of \$390,000, equal to the amount of his 2013 base salary. For 2014, Mr. Byrne's maximum EBITDA cash bonus is \$400,000, equal to the amount of his base salary for 2014.

Stock-Based Awards. The committee also administers our 2001 Plan to provide stock-based incentives to our key employees, including our executive officers. As noted above, and discussed below, we are proposing an amendment and restatement of our 2001 Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to awards granted under the Plan.

Grants of stock options, shares of restricted stock and other possible stock-based awards are based on each individual's position within the company, level of responsibility, past performance and expectation of future performance. In determining the number of stock-based awards to be granted to each executive

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officer, the committee also considers the number of stock-based awards made in prior years to the executive officer, as well as the company's performance and the market price of our common stock.

Grants of stock-based awards to Mr. Byrne are made on the last business day of the calendar year as set forth in his employment agreement. Grants to other executive officers are made on or soon after the date that our earnings for the preceding calendar year are released. The committee also may make grants to executive officers at other times during the year in connection with new hires or promotions. The exercise price for stock options is set at the closing per share market price of our common stock on the date of grant.

The stock-based component of our executive compensation program is weighted more heavily toward the granting of shares of restricted stock than stock options. This is because the committee believes that the amount required to be expensed for stock options by accounting standards is significantly greater than the amount of benefit optionees perceive they receive, as well as the fact that restricted stock is comparatively less dilutive to earnings than stock options.

Under his employment agreement, on the last business day of each fiscal year Mr. Byrne is entitled to be granted at least (1) 7,500 stock options and (2) 10,000 shares of restricted in 2013 and thereafter. Mr. Byrne's options vest immediately. His shares of restricted stock vest in two semi-annual installments.

In February 2013 and 2014, the compensation committee granted shares of restricted stock that vest in three annual installments, and no options, to the other executive officers as follows:

Name	Shares of Restricted Stock	
	2013	2014
David P. Leymeister	400	300
M. Michael Owens	400	300
Russell W. Riggs	750	600

In granting these executive officers a lower number of shares of restricted stock in February 2014, in addition to the decline in gross profit of our lime and limestone operations during 2013 the committee also considered that, with the increase in the market price of our common stock since February 2013, a fewer number of shares of restricted stock could be granted and still provide the executives with meaningful stock-based compensation and incentive for future performance.

Tax Implications. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") generally limits the corporate income tax deduction for compensation paid to certain named executive officers to \$1 million per year, except for certain qualified performance-based compensation. Options granted under our 2001 Plan are intended to constitute performance-based compensation not subject to the Section 162(m) limitation, but our grants of time-vested restricted stock are not considered performance-based for Section 162(m) purposes. Our 2001 Plan also provides for dollar-denominated cash bonuses, including Mr. Byrnes's annual EBITDA cash bonus opportunities, that are intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), but our discretionary cash bonuses are not considered performance-based for Section 162(m) purposes.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the cash and non-cash compensation earned by our president and chief executive officer, our chief financial officer and our two other named executive officers for 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Non-Equity Compensation (\$)(3)	Change in Pension Value and Non-Equity- Qualified Incentive Deferred Compensation (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
							(\$)		
Timothy W. Byrne	2013	390,000	225,000	611,700	99,750	390,000		70,791	1,787,241
President and Chief Executive Officer	2012	380,000	250,000	447,640	70,650	380,000		71,482	1,600,419
	2011	370,000	325,000	540,990	108,975	370,000		71,482	1,786,447
David P. Leymeister	2013	204,250	22,000	18,660				6,028	250,938
Vice President Sales & Marketing	2012	199,188	25,000	33,685				7,310	265,183
	2011	195,520	30,000	29,993				6,080	261,593
M. Michael Owens	2013	160,833	19,000	18,660				6,747	205,240
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2012	156,333	20,000	30,317				6,667	213,317
	2011	152,750	30,000	29,993				6,579	219,322
Russell W. Riggs	2013	179,167	38,000	34,988					