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NEWMARKET CORPORATION

330 South Fourth Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of shareholders of NewMarket Corporation will be held at the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, 428 N. Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes, as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement:

1. To elect each of the seven director nominees named in this proxy statement for a one-year term or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as NewMarket's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;
3. To consider and act on an advisory vote regarding the approval of compensation paid to certain executive officers; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting is February 28, 2019. Accordingly, only shareholders of record as of that date will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Your vote is very important to us. Regardless of whether you expect to attend the meeting, please act promptly to vote your shares. You may vote your shares by telephone or over the Internet, as described in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If you are present at the meeting and hold shares in your name, you may vote in person even if you have previously submitted your proxy by mail, by telephone or over the Internet. If your shares are held in street name with your broker or by a nominee and you wish to vote in person at the meeting, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from the institution that holds your shares and provide that legal proxy at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. RUDOLPH WEST, *Secretary*

March 13, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 25, 2019

The company's Proxy Statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the company's Annual Report to Shareholders and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 are available at www.edocumentview.com/NEU.

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**PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
OF
NEWMARKET CORPORATION**

Approximate date of mailing March 13, 2019

Date, Time and Place of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of shareholders of NewMarket Corporation is scheduled to be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time

Place: The Virginia Museum of History & Culture

428 N. Boulevard

Richmond, Virginia 23220

Proposals to be Considered at the Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote on the following proposals:

to elect the seven director nominees named in this proxy statement;

to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;

to consider and act on an advisory vote regarding the approval of the compensation paid to certain executive officers (say-on-pay); and

to transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

In the event that a quorum is not present at the annual meeting, you may also be asked to vote upon a proposal to adjourn or postpone the annual meeting to solicit additional proxies.

Record Date

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on February 28, 2019 as the record date for the annual meeting and only holders of record of NewMarket common stock on the record date are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On the record date, there were outstanding 11,188,126 shares of NewMarket common stock.

Voting Rights and Quorum

Each share of NewMarket common stock is entitled to one vote. The presence in person or representation by proxy of holders of a majority of the shares of NewMarket common stock issued and outstanding as of the close of business on February 28, 2019 will constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. If a share is represented for any purpose at the meeting, it is deemed to be present for the transaction of all business. Abstentions, withheld votes and shares held of record by a broker or its nominee that are voted on any matter are included in determining the number of votes present. Broker shares that are not voted on any matter at the meeting will not be included in determining whether a quorum is present. In the event that a quorum is not present at the annual meeting, it is expected that the annual meeting will be adjourned or postponed to solicit additional proxies.

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Vote Required

The number of votes cast in favor of electing each nominee for director must be greater than the votes cast against any such nominee. If a nominee does not receive a majority of votes cast for his or her election, he or she will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as a holdover director and will be required to submit a letter of resignation promptly to the Board of Directors. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome.

The appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will be ratified if the votes cast in favor of ratification exceed the number of votes cast against ratification. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

The say-on-pay advisory resolution approving the compensation paid to certain executives will be adopted if the votes cast in favor of adoption exceed the number of votes cast against adoption. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the say-on-pay advisory proposal.

If you hold your shares of NewMarket common stock in street name through a brokerage account, your broker may or may not vote your shares in its discretion depending on the proposals before the meeting in the absence of your voting instructions. Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, your broker may vote your shares in its discretion on routine matters. We believe that the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm is a routine matter on which brokers will be permitted to vote on behalf of their clients if no voting instructions are furnished. We believe that the election of directors and the say-on-pay advisory vote are not routine matters. When a matter is not routine and brokers have not received voting instructions from their clients, brokers cannot vote the shares on that matter. This is commonly referred to as a broker non-vote. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of director nominees, the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and the say-on-pay advisory vote.

Voting and Revocation of Proxies

After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this proxy statement, you should vote over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice). Alternatively, you may vote by telephone, or order a paper copy of the proxy materials at no charge on or before April 15, 2019 by following the instructions provided in the Notice. You can also vote in person at the meeting. The Notice and identification will be required to vote in person at the meeting.

Unless you specify to the contrary, all of your shares represented by valid proxies will be voted **FOR** each of the director nominees named in this proxy statement, **FOR** the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, **FOR** the advisory resolution approving the compensation paid to certain executive officers, and in the discretion of the proxy holders on any other matters that properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting.

The persons you name as proxies may propose and vote for one or more adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting, including adjournments or postponements to permit further solicitations of proxies.

Until exercised at the annual meeting, you can revoke your proxy and change your vote in any of the following ways:

by delivering written notification to NewMarket at its principal executive offices at 330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Attention: Corporate Secretary;

by changing your vote or revoking your proxy by telephone or over the Internet;

if you hold shares in your name, by attending the annual meeting and voting in person (your attendance at the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy; you must vote in person at the meeting);

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if you have instructed a broker or bank to vote your shares, by following the directions received from your broker or bank to change those instructions; or

if you hold shares in street name with your broker or by a nominee, by obtaining a legal proxy from the institution that holds your shares, attending the annual meeting and voting in person (your attendance at the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy; you must vote in person at the meeting).

If you decide to vote by completing, signing, dating and returning a proxy card, you should retain a copy of the voter control number found on the proxy card in the event that you decide later to change or revoke your proxy by telephone or over the Internet.

Solicitation of Proxies

The accompanying proxy is being solicited by our Board of Directors, and we will pay for the entire cost of the solicitation. Arrangements will also be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for forwarding the solicitation material to the beneficial owners of NewMarket common stock held of record by those persons, and we may reimburse them for reasonable transaction and clerical expenses. In addition to the use of the mail, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone, facsimile or other means of communication by our officers and regular employees. These people will receive no additional compensation for these services, but will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred by them in connection with these services. We have engaged Alliance Advisors LLC, a proxy solicitation firm, to assist in the solicitation of proxies. We will pay that firm \$6,500 for its services and reimburse its out-of-pocket expenses for such items as mailing, copying, phone calls, faxes and other related matters, and will indemnify Alliance Advisors LLC against any losses arising out of that firm's proxy soliciting services on our behalf.

PROPOSAL 1:

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended to our Board of Directors, and our Board of Directors has approved, the persons named below as nominees for election to our Board of Directors. Each of the nominees presently serves as a director. Proxies will be voted for the election as directors for the ensuing year of the persons named below (or if for any reason unavailable, of such substitutes as our Board of Directors may designate). Our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unavailable to serve.

Phyllis L. Cothran; age 72; director since 1995; retired, having previously served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Trigon Healthcare, Inc., formerly Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia (health insurance company), where before being President she held positions of increasing responsibility including Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Cothran previously served on the board of directors of Tredegar Corporation from 1993 through 2005. Ms. Cothran brings to the Board of Directors business leadership, corporate strategy and financial expertise.

Mark M. Gambill; age 68; director since 2009; co-founder of Cary Street Partners and currently Chairman Emeritus of Luxon Financial, its parent company (financial advisory and wealth management firm), having previously worked for Wheat First Securities from 1972, including serving as chairman of the underwriting committee, until it was sold to First Union Corporation (now Wells Fargo & Company) in 1998. Other directorship: Speedway Motorsports, Inc. (chairman of Audit Committee). Mr. Gambill brings to the Board of Directors over thirty-five years of involvement in the capital markets. Mr. Gambill also adds to the Board of Directors his entrepreneurial and financial expertise as well as his board and board committee experiences as a director of other public companies.

Bruce C. Gottwald; age 85; director since 1962; after having served as Chairman of NewMarket and its predecessor Ethyl Corporation for approximately twenty years, Mr. Gottwald stepped down as Chairman on July 29, 2014 and agreed to continue serving as a Director. Mr. Gottwald also previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Ethyl Corporation. From 1998 through 2004, Mr. Gottwald served as an independent director of CSX Corporation. As the former Chief Executive Officer of Ethyl Corporation and long-time Chairman of the company, Mr. Gottwald contributes to the Board of Directors key operational and leadership experience with the company and extensive

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knowledge of the chemical industry and history of the company. His background and experience enable him to add institutional and industry insight to Board discussions.

Thomas E. Gottwald; age 58; director since 1994; Chairman of the Board since July 29, 2014; President and Chief Executive Officer of NewMarket since March 3, 2004, having previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Ethyl Corporation from June 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004 and President and Chief Operating Officer of Ethyl prior thereto. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the company, Mr. Gottwald brings to the Board of Directors knowledge of the company's operations and history as well as expertise regarding the industry as a whole.

Patrick D. Hanley; age 74; director since 2004; non-executive Chairman of Gallium Technologies, LLC (software start-up specializing in accounts receivable software) until January 2016, having previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Gallium Technologies until January 2011. Mr. Hanley also previously served as Senior Vice President-Finance and Accounting of UPS Ground Freight, Inc., formerly Overnite Corporation (truckload and less-than-truckload carrier and wholly owned subsidiary of United Parcel Service, Inc.), and also as Director, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Overnite Corporation. Mr. Hanley also previously served in managerial positions at Union Pacific Resources Group, Union Pacific Corporation and Ford Motor Company. From 2010 through 2016, Mr. Hanley also served on the board of directors of Xenith Bankshares, Inc. Other directorship: Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc., where he serves on the audit and compensation committees. Mr. Hanley brings to the Board of Directors insight and knowledge into the management of public companies as well as accounting, finance and Securities and Exchange Commission reporting experience.

H. Hiter Harris, III; age 58; director since 2015; co-founded Harris Williams & Co., where he also serves as a Managing Director. Having advised on more than 200 mergers and acquisitions transactions at an international investment banking firm focused on the middle market, Mr. Harris brings to the Board of Directors a wealth of transactional experience and financial expertise, as well as significant knowledge of middle market companies.

James E. Rogers; age 73; director since 2003; former chairman of BackOffice Associates, LLC (provider of SAP data quality, migration and governance solutions); previously served as President of SCI Investors Inc. (private equity investment firm) until January 1, 2011. Mr. Rogers brings to the Board of Directors leadership experience and expertise regarding the management of public companies due to his board and board committee experience and his previous membership on the boards of Caraustar Industries, Inc., Wellman, Inc., Cadmus Communications, Owens & Minor, Inc. and Chesapeake Corporation.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR each of the nominees listed above.**

Board of Directors

Our company is managed under the direction of our Board of Directors, which has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to set forth certain corporate governance practices. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on our website at <http://www.newmarket.com> under Investor Relations, Corporate Governance.

Independence of Directors

Upon the recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that each of the following directors is independent under the general listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, the exchange on which shares of NewMarket common stock are listed, and our Corporate Governance Guidelines: Messrs. Gambill, Hanley, Harris, Rogers and Ms. Cothran. Our Board has adopted categorical standards, as part of our Corporate Governance Guidelines, to assist it in making determinations of

independence. Each of the directors identified as independent in this proxy statement meets these standards. A copy of these standards is attached as *Annex A* to this proxy statement. In determining the independence of Mr. Harris, the Board considered that he is an employee of Harris Williams & Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of PNC Bank, N.A., which is a part of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC). Affiliates of PNC provide various financial and banking services to us, including acting as co-syndication agent in our revolving credit facility. Our Board determined that these payments and relationships were not material and did not impair Mr. Harris' independence.

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Board Meetings

Our Board of Directors meets on a regularly scheduled basis during the year to review significant developments affecting our company and to act on matters requiring board approval, and may hold special meetings between scheduled meetings when appropriate. During 2018, our Board held five meetings. During 2018, each of the directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (1) the total number of meetings of all committees of our Board on which the director then served and (2) the total number of meetings of our Board of Directors.

Meetings of Non-Management Directors; Lead Director

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines require that the non-management members of our Board of Directors meet in executive session at each regularly scheduled board meeting. The Lead Director chairs all meetings of non-management directors, as provided in our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Lead Director has the responsibilities to lead the meeting, set the agenda and determine the information to be provided to the other non-management directors at the meeting. Shareholders and other interested persons may contact any of the non-management directors through the method described in Communications with Our Board below. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines also require that the independent members of our Board of Directors meet in executive session at each regularly scheduled board meeting and that the Lead Director chair these sessions.

Director Attendance at Annual Meeting

Our policy is that directors attend the annual meeting of shareholders each year. All directors, who were directors on the date of last year's annual meeting of shareholders, attended last year's annual meeting of shareholders.

Communications with Our Board

Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved a process for shareholders to send communications to the Board and individual directors. Shareholders and other interested persons may communicate with the full Board of Directors, a specified committee of our Board, the non-management directors or a specified individual member of our Board including the Lead Director in writing by mail c/o NewMarket Corporation, 330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Attention: Chief Legal Officer. All communications will be forwarded to our Board of Directors, the specified committee of our Board or the specified individual director, as appropriate. We screen all regular mail for security purposes.

Board Leadership Structure

Currently, Thomas Gottwald, our Chief Executive Officer, serves as the Board's Chairman. Thomas Gottwald succeeded Bruce Gottwald as Chairman who served in that role from June 2001 through July 2014 and continues to serve as a non-employee director of the company. Phyllis L. Cothran currently serves as the Board's Lead Director.

The Board has no policy with respect to the separation of the offices of Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. The Board's decision to combine the roles by appointing our current Chief Executive Officer as Chairman was based on the company's historic success in having Bruce Gottwald, the Chief Executive Officer of Ethyl Corporation (NewMarket's predecessor) until 2001, serve as its Chairman. Thomas Gottwald has been serving as our President and Chief Executive Officer since 2004 and served in the same role at Ethyl Corporation from 2001 through 2004. As such, he brings to the chairmanship extensive knowledge of our industry in general and the company's business in particular. The Board believes this leadership structure promotes the development of long-term strategic plans and facilitates the implementation of such plans.

Under our current Corporate Governance Guidelines, if the Chairman position is held by the company's current Chief Executive Officer, a Lead Director will be appointed by the independent directors. The Lead Director, among other things, works with the Chairman to set and approve agendas and schedules for Board meetings, serves as a liaison between the Chairman and the non-employee directors, and presides at any meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that independent directors will meet in executive session without management present at the time of each regular Board meeting and additionally as deemed appropriate or necessary.

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The Board believes that this leadership structure helps provide a well-functioning and effective balance between strong company leadership, an independent Lead Director and oversight by active, independent directors. For the above reasons, the Board of Directors believes the current leadership structure is appropriate for the company.

Board's Role in Risk Oversight

The company's management team is primarily responsible for the day-to-day assessment and management of the company's risk exposure. The Board of Directors provides oversight in connection with these efforts, with a particular focus on the most significant risks facing the company. The Board of Directors believes that full and open communication between the management team and the Board of Directors is essential for both effective risk management and for meaningful oversight. To this end, the Board of Directors regularly meets with members of our senior management team to discuss strategies, key challenges, and risks and opportunities for the company. Management periodically presents to the Board of Directors strategic overviews of the company's most significant issues, including risks affecting the company. The Board also believes that its current leadership structure enhances its ability to engage in risk oversight because of Thomas Gottwald's understanding and insights of the material risks inherent in our business.

In order to help facilitate its risk oversight responsibilities, the Board of Directors utilizes each of its committees to oversee specific areas of risk that are appropriately related to the committee's areas of responsibility. The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in discharging its oversight responsibilities in the areas of internal control over financial reporting, disclosure controls and procedures and legal and regulatory compliance. The Audit Committee discusses with management, the internal audit group and the independent auditor guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Audit Committee also discusses with management the company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposure. The Compensation Committee assists the Board of Directors in discharging its oversight responsibilities regarding the risks related to the attraction and retention of personnel as well as the risks associated with the design of compensation programs and arrangements applicable to both executive officers and to all employees. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee monitors and evaluates the implementation of our Corporate Governance Guidelines. While the Board committees are responsible for initially monitoring certain risks, the entire Board of Directors is kept informed of the significant risks facing the company through management and committee reports about such risks and the steps being taken to mitigate these risks.

Risk Assessment of Compensation Policies and Practices

The Compensation Committee oversees management's evaluation of whether the company's employee compensation policies and practices pose any risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company. In conducting this evaluation, management reviews the company's overall compensation structure, taking into account the overall mix of compensation and the overall business risk. Management undertakes such a review periodically and reports to the Compensation Committee any finding that a risk related to the company's compensation structure may exist, as well as any factors which may mitigate the risk posed by the particular compensation policy or practice. The company has determined that there are currently no risks arising from its compensation policies and practices that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

Committees of Our Board

Our Board of Directors has established various committees to assist it with the performance of its responsibilities. These committees and their current members are described below.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee currently consists of Messrs. Bruce C. Gottwald (Chairman), Thomas E. Gottwald and Phyllis L. Cothran. During 2018, the Executive Committee did not meet. The Executive Committee exercises all of the powers of our Board of Directors in the management of the ordinary business of our company when our Board of Directors is not in session.

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Audit Committee

Messrs. Gambill (Chairman), Harris and Rogers currently serve on the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board of Directors, which is available on our website at <http://www.newmarket.com> under Investor Relations, Corporate Governance. During 2018, the Audit Committee met on five occasions. The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist our Board of Directors in discharging its oversight responsibilities relating to our accounting, reporting, including our internal control over financial reporting, and financial practices by monitoring:

- (1) these practices, generally,
- (2) the integrity of the financial statements and other financial information provided by us to any governmental body or the public,
- (3) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements,
- (4) our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, and
- (5) the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm and internal audit function.

The Audit Committee also reviews and discusses with management the company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. Additionally, the Audit Committee approves the engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm, subject to shareholder ratification. For a further description of the Audit Committee's specific responsibilities, see the Audit Committee's charter. Upon the recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent, as that term is defined under the enhanced independence standards for Audit Committee members in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) and the rules thereunder, as incorporated into the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, and in accordance with our Audit Committee charter. Our Board of Directors has also determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is an Audit Committee financial expert, as that term is defined under Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Our Board has further determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is financially literate and that each of the members of the Audit Committee has accounting or related financial management expertise, as such terms are interpreted by our Board in its business judgment.

Compensation Committee

Messrs. Harris (Chairman), Hanley and Rogers currently serve on the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board of Directors, which is available on our website at <http://www.newmarket.com> under Investor Relations, Corporate Governance. Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Compensation Committee is independent under the general independence standards of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and our Corporate Governance Guidelines. During 2018, the Compensation Committee met on five occasions. This committee reviews and approves the compensation of our directors, management-level employees and, together with all of our independent directors, approves the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer. It also approves bonus awards for key executives, certain consultant agreements and initial salaries of new management-level personnel and grants awards under our equity compensation plans. The committee has the sole authority to retain and terminate compensation consultants or other advisors to assist it with its duties. The committee has the sole authority to approve the fees and other retention terms of any such

consultant or advisor. The committee may form and delegate its authority to subcommittees where appropriate. For a discussion of the objectives and philosophy of our executive compensation program, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 13.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of Messrs. Hanley (Chairman) and Gambill and Ms. Cothran. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board of Directors, which is available on our website at <http://www.newmarket.com> under Investor Relations,

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Corporate Governance. Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is independent under the general independence standards of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met on two occasions during 2018. This committee develops and recommends to our Board of Directors appropriate corporate governance guidelines and policies, monitors and evaluates the implementation of these guidelines and policies, identifies individuals qualified to act as directors, recommends director candidates to our Board for nomination by our Board, and leads the Board in its annual review of the Board and management's performance.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Process for Identifying and Evaluating Director Candidates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates all director candidates in accordance with the director qualification standards described in our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates any candidate's qualifications to serve as a member of our Board based on the skills and experience of individual board members as well as the skills and experience of our Board as a whole. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate a candidate's independence, skills and experience in the context of our Board's needs. While the Board of Directors has not adopted a diversity policy, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board believe it is desirable for the Board to be composed of individuals who represent a mix of backgrounds, skills and experience in order to enhance the Board's deliberations and discussions.

Director Candidate Recommendations and Nominations by Shareholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's charter provides that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidate recommendations by shareholders. Shareholders should submit any such recommendations for the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through the method described under Communications with Our Board above. In addition, in accordance with our amended bylaws, any shareholder entitled to vote for the election of directors may nominate persons for election to our Board of Directors so long as that shareholder complies with the procedures set forth in our amended bylaws and summarized in Shareholder Proposals beginning on page 33. There are no differences in the manner in which the committee evaluates director candidates based on whether the candidate is recommended by a shareholder. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee did not receive any recommendations from any shareholders in connection with the annual meeting.

Code of Conduct

We have adopted a Code of Conduct, which is available on our website at <http://www.newmarket.com> under Investor Relations, Corporate Governance, that outlines the principles, policies and laws that are intended to guide our directors, officers and employees (including our Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer). We maintain several methods for the reporting of violations of our Code of Conduct or other concerns, including a toll-free hotline. We prohibit retaliation of any kind against employees for good faith reports of ethical violations.

We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K relating to amendments to or waivers from any provision of our Code of Conduct applicable to the Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer by posting this information on our website.

Availability of Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Conduct and Committee Charters

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Conduct and the charters of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are available on our website at

<http://www.newmarket.com> under Investor Relations, Corporate Governance and in print to any shareholder upon request by contacting our corporate secretary at NewMarket Corporation, 330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Compensation of Directors

Our Board determines the form and amount of compensation for our non-employee directors based on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, which conducts an annual review of compensation for our non-employee directors. As part of its review, the Compensation Committee considers, among other factors, whether a director's independence will be jeopardized (1) if director compensation and perquisites exceed customary levels, (2) if our

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company makes charitable contributions to organizations with which a director is affiliated or (3) if our company enters into contracts with, or provides other indirect forms of compensation to, a director or organization with which a director is affiliated.

The following table and related footnotes present information relating to total compensation of our non-employee directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. Mr. Thomas E. Gottwald, our President and CEO, does not receive any compensation for his services as Chairman, other than a retirement benefit as described below under

Directors Retirement Benefits, the change in the actuarial present value of which is disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 21.

Name	Fees Earned			Change in Pension		Total (\$)
	or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (1) (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Value and Non-	All Other Compensation (\$)	
				qualified Deferred		
				Compensation Earnings (2) (\$)		
Phyllis L. Cothran	\$110,000	\$89,799	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$199,799
Mark M. Gambill	105,000	89,799	0		0	194,799
Bruce C. Gottwald	85,000		0	0	0	85,000
Patrick D. Hanley	95,000	89,799	0		0	184,799
H. Hiter Harris	105,000	89,799	0		0	194,799
James E. Rogers	90,000	89,799	0		0	179,799

- (1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair market value of the 222 shares of our common stock awarded to each non-employee director on July 2, 2018, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. For a description of this plan, see Annual Stock Retainer below.

- (2) Represents the aggregate change in the actuarial present value from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 of the retirement benefits for eligible directors described under **Directors Retirement Benefits** below. Messrs. Gambill, Hanley, Harris and Rogers are not eligible for this benefit. The actuarial present value is calculated using the same assumptions we use for financial reporting purposes, except that normal retirement age is age 60. The discount rate for 2018 was assumed to be 4.25%. Decreases in actuarial present value are reported as \$0. The actual decrease for Ms. Cothran was \$11,324 and for Mr. Gottwald was \$1,024.

Non-Employee Directors Fees

During 2018, we paid quarterly (a) \$21,250 to each non-employee director, (b) \$1,250 to each member of our Audit Committee and \$5,000 to the Chairman of our Audit Committee; (c) \$3,750 to the Chairman of our Compensation Committee; (d) \$2,500 to the Chairman of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; and (e) \$6,250 to the Lead Director. Each non-employee director was eligible for an annual stock grant of approximately \$90,000 based on the formula set forth below under the heading **Annual Stock Retainer**. We do not pay retainer or attendance fees to employee members of our Board of Directors for their service on our Board or its committees including to our Chairman.

Directors Retirement Benefits

Any director who was elected to our Board on or before February 23, 1995 and who retires from our Board will receive \$12,000 per year for life after age 60 under our Director Retirement Plan. The \$12,000 is payable in quarterly installments. The retirement payments to former directors may be discontinued under certain circumstances. As of December 31, 2018, Messrs. Bruce C. Gottwald and Thomas E. Gottwald, and Ms. Phyllis L. Cothran were eligible for this benefit upon their retirement after age 60.

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Annual Stock Retainer

Each non-employee director is awarded on each July 1 a number of whole shares of our common stock that, when multiplied by the closing price of our common stock on the immediately preceding business day, equals as nearly as possible but does not exceed \$90,000. The shares are fully vested and nonforfeitable upon grant. Subject only to the stock ownership guidelines described below and the limitations on transfer as may be specified by applicable securities laws, directors may sell their shares at any time.

Share Ownership Guidelines

Consistent with their responsibilities to our stockholders, each of the non-employee directors is required to maintain a financial stake in the company. To this end, each non-employee director must own shares of our stock with a fair market value of at least five times their annual cash director fee. The Compensation Committee annually reviews and monitors each director's compliance with these guidelines. New directors are given five years to comply with these requirements. Each current non-employee director who has been a member of the Board for five years is in compliance with these guidelines.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Thomas E. Gottwald, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of our company, is a son of director Bruce C. Gottwald. The members of the family of Bruce C. Gottwald may be deemed to be control persons of our company. August Clarke Gottwald, son of Thomas E. Gottwald, serves as a Business Specialist of the company. In 2018, his total annual compensation was approximately \$126,800, which included certain payments related to a prior overseas assignment. August Clarke Gottwald also participates in the general welfare plans offered to employees of the company.

During 2018, a provider of pension asset management services was also a beneficial owner of at least 5% of NewMarket common stock. The London Company provided asset management services to the company's pension plan and received approximately \$505,443 in fees for such services in 2018. The investment management agreement was entered into on an arm's-length basis in the ordinary course of business and was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.

Our policy is to require that any transaction with a related person required to be reported under applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules be reviewed and approved or ratified by a committee consisting of independent directors. We have not adopted procedures for review of, or standards for approval of, these transactions, but instead review related person transactions on a case-by-case basis.

Table of Contents**Stock Ownership*****Principal Shareholders***

The following table lists any person (including any group as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who, to our knowledge, was the beneficial owner as of February 28, 2019, of more than 5% of our outstanding voting shares.

	Name and Address of	Number of	Percent of
Title of Class	Beneficial Owners	Shares	Class
Common Stock	Bruce C. Gottwald	1,273,776 ⁽¹⁾	11.39%
	330 South Fourth Street		
	Richmond, Virginia 23219		
	The Vanguard Group	883,678 ⁽²⁾	7.90%
	100 Vanguard Blvd.		
	Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355		
	The London Company	812,048 ⁽³⁾	7.26%
	1800 Bayberry Court, Suite 301		
	Richmond, Virginia 23226		
	BlackRock Inc.	767,633 ⁽⁴⁾	6.86%
	55 East 52nd Street		
	New York, New York 10055		
	Bank of America Corporation	674,570 ⁽⁵⁾	6.03%
	Bank of America Corporate Center		
	100 N Tryon Street		
	Charlotte, North Carolina 28255		
	Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr.	601,674 ⁽⁶⁾	5.38%
	330 South Fourth Street		
	Richmond, Virginia 23219		

Thomas E. Gottwald	564,346	5.04%
330 South Fourth Street		
Richmond, Virginia 23219		

- (1) As of February 28, 2019, Bruce C. Gottwald had sole voting and investment power over all of the shares disclosed except 18,731 shares held by his wife and 25,812 shares held in a charitable foundation as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership. This amount does not include an aggregate of 1,260,902 shares (11.27%) of NewMarket common stock beneficially owned by the adult sons of Bruce C. Gottwald (such amounts including the shares reported above as beneficially owned by Thomas E. Gottwald) or an aggregate of 592,851 shares (5.30%) beneficially owned by three separate trusts of which each of the adult sons of Bruce C. Gottwald and his wife are co-trustees. Bruce C. Gottwald and his adult sons have no agreement with respect to the acquisition, retention, disposition or voting of NewMarket common stock.
- (2) Information provided is based solely on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed on February 11, 2019 by The Vanguard Group, which has sole voting power over 4,507 shares, sole dispositive power over 878,836 shares, shared voting power over 1,170 shares and shared dispositive power over 4,842 shares
- (3) Information provided is based solely on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2019 by The London Company, which has sole voting and dispositive power over 621,512 shares and shared dispositive power over 190,536 shares.
- (4) Information provided is based solely on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed on February 6, 2019 by BlackRock, Inc., which has sole voting power over 734,849 shares and sole dispositive power over all 767,633 shares.
- (5) Information provided is based solely on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed on February 13, 2019 by Bank of America Corporation, which has shared voting power over 669,703 shares and shared dispositive power over 674,570 shares.
- (6) Information provided is based solely on an amendment to Schedule 13G filed February 26, 2019 by Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., who has sole voting power over 590,842 shares, sole dispositive power over 601,060 shares and shared voting and dispositive power over 614 shares.

Table of Contents***Directors and Executive Officers***

The following table sets forth as of February 28, 2019, the beneficial ownership of NewMarket common stock by all of our directors, our Chief Executive Officer and our other executive officers listed under Compensation of Executive Officers on page 21 and all of our directors and current executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, each person listed below has sole voting and investment power over all shares beneficially owned by him or her.

Name of Beneficial Owner or Number of Persons in Group	Number of Shares with Sole Voting and Investment Power	Number of Shares with Shared Voting and Investment Power	Total Number of Shares	Percent of Class ⁽¹⁾
Phyllis L. Cothran	5,322		5,322	
Mark M. Gambill	2,130	276 ⁽²⁾	2,406	
Bruce C. Gottwald	1,229,233	44,543 ⁽³⁾	1,273,776	11.39%
Thomas E. Gottwald	529,370	34,976 ⁽⁴⁾	564,346	5.04%
Patrick D. Hanley	2,783	1,200 ⁽⁵⁾	3,983	
Regina A. Harm	4,051		4,051	
H. Hiter Harris, III	496		496	
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III	23,761	7,559	31,320	
Brian D. Paliotti	3,858		3,858	
James E. Rogers	3,926		3,926	
M. Rudolph West	12,715		12,715	
Directors and executive officers as a group (13 persons)	1,822,613	81,665	1,904,278	17.02%

(1) Except as indicated, each person or group owns less than 1% of NewMarket common stock.

(2) Such shares are owned jointly by Mr. Gambill and his wife.

(3) Mr. Bruce C. Gottwald disclaims beneficial ownership of all 44,543 shares.

(4) Mr. Thomas E. Gottwald disclaims beneficial ownership of 4,670 of such shares which are owned by his spouse.

(5) Such shares are owned jointly by Mr. Hanley and his wife.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Based solely on our review of the forms required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act that we have received, we believe that there has been compliance with all filing requirements applicable to our officers and directors and beneficial owners of greater than 10% of NewMarket common stock, with the exception of a late filing for Mr. Skrobacz and a late filing for Mr. Warner. A Form 4 was filed for each Mr. Skrobacz and Mr. Warner on March

1, 2018, to report transactions that occurred on February 26, 2018, which resulted in changes in beneficial ownership.

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COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Executive Summary

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes our compensation philosophy and objectives and the process followed by the Compensation Committee (Committee) in decisions involving our named executive officers (NEOs). Our NEOs for 2018 are:

Thomas E. Gottwald, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Regina A. Harm, President of Afton Chemical Corporation
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Brian D. Paliotti, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
M. Rudolph West, Secretary, Vice President and General Counsel

Highlighted in the sections that follow are business results and compensation decisions for 2018, which demonstrate the close alignment between pay and performance for our NEOs.

2018 Business Highlights

Business performance in 2018 was solid, as evidenced by:

Increases in petroleum additive segment sales by 4.3%. In 2018, the petroleum additive segment continued to experience margin pressure due to higher raw material and conversion costs, partially offset by changes in selling price contributing to a 9.9% decrease in segment operating profit. Through continued efforts to recover the cost increases in 2018, the fourth quarter petroleum additive operating profit increased 7.2% over the same period in 2017.

Net income for 2018 was \$234.7 million or \$20.34 per share compared to net income of \$190.5 million, or \$16.08 per share for 2017. Net income and earnings per share for 2017 and 2018 include the impact of the federal tax legislation enacted on December 22, 2017 (the 2017 Tax Act).

The company's business continued to generate strong cash flows. In 2018, we returned \$312.4 million to our shareholders through dividends (\$80.4 million) and share repurchases (603,449 shares of our common stock for a total of \$232 million) and funded capital expenditures of \$74.6 million.

2018 Compensation Decisions

Highlights of our 2018 executive compensation program include:

We gave our NEOs only modest salary raises designed to align NEO pay with our peers.

We awarded our NEOs annual cash bonuses for 2018 consistent with our financial performance and each NEO's individual performance.

For 2018 we granted performance awards to better align NEO pay with company performance and shareholder interest.

Our executive compensation program continues to reflect good corporate governance practices. We have not entered into long-term employment agreements or change in control agreements with any of our NEOs and generally do not provide significant perquisites. We have adopted a clawback policy that permits us to recover incentive compensation paid to executives in connection with a restatement of the Company's financial statements.

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2018 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pay

Our executive compensation program and, in particular, the compensation of our CEO, places a substantial amount of compensation at risk in the form of performance-based pay, and compares favorably to our peers when measured against our performance:

Our CEO's 2018 pay ranked slightly above our peer group median for base salary, and below the 25th percentile for total cash compensation and total direct compensation as compared to 2017 peer group pay.

For 2018, approximately 48% of our CEO's total direct compensation, and approximately 55% of our other NEOs' average 2018 total direct compensation as a group, was at risk in the form of performance-based compensation.

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

Our executive compensation philosophy is to create a long-term direct relationship between pay and performance. Our executive compensation program is designed to deliver a balanced total compensation package over our executives' careers with our company. The compensation program objectives are to attract, motivate and retain the qualified executives that are crucial to our continued success, as well as to align the interests of our executives and shareholders. The compensation package of our NEOs generally consists of four main elements:

1. **Base Salary** – Market competitive annual fixed pay to compensate our executives for their contribution to the day to day management of the company;
2. **Annual Bonus** – Annual award payable in cash after the completion of the most recent fiscal year, determined based on our corporate financial performance and the achievement of individual objectives;
3. **Long-term equity-based compensation** – Equity awards intended to retain our executives and achieve unity of interest between our executives and long-term shareholders; and
4. **Benefit plans** designed to promote long-term employment.

Process for Setting Executive Compensation

The Committee is responsible for developing, overseeing, and implementing our executive compensation program. The Committee also monitors the results of the program to ensure compensation remains competitive and creates proper incentives to enhance shareholder value. The Committee annually reviews and approves all compensation for the CEO and other NEOs.

The Committee has the responsibility to approve and monitor all compensation for our NEOs. Our CEO is responsible for evaluating and reviewing the performance of all of the NEOs (other than himself) with the Committee and makes compensation recommendations for base salary, the annual bonus award, any stock award or other special or

supplemental benefits to the Committee for those NEOs. The Committee performs the same function for the CEO. The Committee reviews and approves the process and factors used to recommend base salary increases, bonuses and other awards and has the discretion to approve the final awards, based on such factors as it considers relevant. All independent directors also approve the CEO's compensation.

Under its charter, the Committee has the sole authority to retain and terminate compensation consultants or other advisors to assist it with its duties. For 2018, the Committee engaged Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. (FWC) as its compensation consultant to advise it on our executive and director compensation programs and to provide it with market compensation data. FWC does not perform any other services for the company. FWC assists the Committee with selecting the members of the company's compensation peer group, provides the Committee comparative market data on compensation levels for our executive officers and compensation practices and programs of our peer group and advises the Committee on the design of our executive compensation program. The Committee has determined that the work performed for the Committee by FWC in 2018 did not raise any conflict of interest.

Table of Contents**Result of 2018 Say-On-Pay Vote**

At our annual meeting in 2018, our shareholders voted on our executive compensation program (the say-on-pay vote), and approved it (on an advisory basis) by 99.3% of the votes cast. After considering the very strong shareholder endorsement of the executive compensation program, the Committee continued to make compensation decisions that support our stated executive compensation philosophy and objectives and did not make any specific changes to our executive compensation program in response to the say-on-pay vote.

Our Compensation Peer Group

With the assistance of FWC, the Committee selects a compensation peer group of companies similar in size and business to us. The peer group is used to compare executive compensation levels against companies that have executive positions with responsibilities similar in breadth and scope to ours and have businesses that compete with us for executive talent. The Committee reviews the peer group compensation data prepared by FWC to ensure that our executive compensation program is competitive.

The peer group is comprised of 15 companies in the same GICS sub-industry that are comparable to us in terms of revenue and market capitalization. Our peer group for 2018 was substantially the same as it was for 2017 except Kraton Corporation was added to maintain the size and balance of the peer group following the removal of Chemtura Corporation which was acquired by LANXESS Deutschland GmbH in April 2017. In relation to the peer group, we are nearly at the median measured by revenue, in the top quartile measured by net income and between the median and 75th percentile measured by operating income and market capitalization as of May 31, 2018 or the most recently reported four quarters.

The following 15 companies comprise the peer group used in connection with evaluating our 2018 executive compensation program:

A. Schulman, Inc.	H.B. Fuller Company	W.R. Grace & Co
Albemarle Corporation	Innospec Inc.	Polyone Corporation
Cabot Corporation	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.	RPM International Inc.
Ferro Corporation	Kraton Corporation	Sensient Technologies Corporation
FMC Corporation	Minerals Technologies Inc.	Stepan Company

Summary of Fiscal 2018 Compensation Decisions

For 2018, the Committee adopted an incentive plan that would reward the successful attainment of pre-established financial metrics. In general, the Committee believes the annual cash-based bonus program, combined with grants of performance stock linked to adjusted earnings per share, as described in more detail in the section Long Term Incentive Awards below, provides a balanced compensation package that contributes to and rewards the long-term performance of the company and the executives. Our performance stock award program is designed to more clearly define the link between pay and performance by aligning pay with our goal of providing 10% shareholder return over any five-year period.

The Committee also believes that the Executive Bonus Plan, as currently designed, gives it the needed flexibility to factor in and reward longer-term performance of the company and the NEOs, as the Committee deems appropriate. As

described in the Annual Cash Bonus section below, under the Executive Bonus Plan, individual performance measured against a variety of different metrics, including longer-term metrics, may be evaluated in determining the final bonus amounts for each of the NEOs. The discretionary component of the Executive Bonus Plan provides the Committee with flexibility to determine which longer-term metrics to select and weight in the evaluation of each NEO's performance.

The Committee also monitors the balance of the annual cash and long-term stock components of the executive compensation program and feels the current balance is appropriate.

Table of Contents**Base Salary**

Our base salary structure is designed to encourage internal growth, attract and retain new talent, and reward strong leadership that will sustain our growth and profitability. In determining and setting base salary, the Committee considers various factors, including our past and current performance, the NEOs' individual contributions to our success throughout their careers, internal pay equity and market data regarding comparable positions within our peer group. For 2018, the Committee reviewed and approved base salary increases as follows: Mr. Gottwald's salary remained unchanged in 2018. Mr. Hazelgrove and Mr. Paliotti were each awarded a 2.8% increase effective September 1, 2018; Mr. West was awarded a 6.4% increase effective January 1, 2018; Mrs. Harm's salary was set in June at the start of her new role as President of Afton Chemical and no additional base salary increase was awarded in 2018.

For each of our NEOs, we review base salary data for comparable executive positions in our peer group to ensure that the base salary rate for each executive is competitive. In general, for most of our executives, we regard a base salary rate within 20% of the 50th percentile (median) of the peer group base salary data as appropriately competitive. The 2018 base salaries for our NEOs ranged from between 88% and 105% of the corresponding peer group median.

Annual Cash Bonus

The objectives of our annual bonus program for our NEOs (the Executive Bonus Plan) are to encourage and reward the NEOs for their invention, ability, leadership, loyalty, exceptional service and recruiting others who will contribute to our continued success. We have an established history of aligning our executives' pay with our performance. Our Executive Bonus Plan uses a pre-established formula to determine the maximum bonuses payable to our NEOs. The Committee has the ability to exercise negative discretion to reduce the maximum bonus payouts to reflect other financial performance measures, as well as the individual performance of each NEO and any other factors the Committee deems appropriate, as described below.

Executive Bonus Plan Formula

Our Executive Bonus Plan uses an objective, pre-established formula to determine the initial maximum annual bonuses payable to our NEOs. For each NEO, the initial maximum bonus is equal to a specified percentage of our annual operating profit, up to \$2,000,000. The Committee establishes the individual percentage of annual operating profit for each NEO based on each executive's past and expected individual performance, expected company performance and projected operating profit, each NEO's position and seniority and internal pay equity considerations. In setting these bonus percentages (and determining the final bonus payouts as described below), the Committee considers the various factors described above and does not target bonuses at a particular percentile or percentile range of the peer group data. No threshold or target bonus is established for any of the NEOs (as a percentage of base salary or otherwise).

We use operating profit as the sole metric for determining the maximum bonuses payable to the NEOs because the Committee believes that operating profit is an important indicator of corporate performance and that management's focus on operating profit is key to the success of the company. For purposes of the Executive Bonus Plan, annual operating profit is the sum of segment operating profit less corporate, general, and administrative expenses and any special one-time/non-recurring items, which for 2018 was approximately \$300 million.¹ While annual operating profit is the sole metric used to determine the initial maximum bonuses, final bonuses may be based on the company's performance measured against various other financial metrics, as well as the individual performance of each NEO measured against a variety of individual performance metrics.

For 2018, the maximum annual bonus percentage for Mr. Gottwald was set at 0.35% of operating profit, at 0.20% for Mrs. Harm and at 0.15% for the other NEOs in each case up to a maximum annual bonus of \$2,000,000. Based on our 2018 operating profit of approximately \$300 million, these percentages translated into initial maximum bonuses of \$1,050,000 for Mr. Gottwald, \$600,000 for Mrs. Harm and \$450,000 for Messrs. Hazelgrove, Paliotti and West.

¹ The 2018 operating profit of \$300 million is based on our 2018 operating profit (calculated in accordance with GAAP) of \$293 million, excluding a charge of \$7 million for the bonus expense.

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Final 2018 Bonuses

At the end of the year, after the initial maximum bonuses have been determined, the Committee may exercise negative discretion to reduce the bonus for each NEO, based on the recommendations of the CEO (for NEOs other than himself) and any other factors the Committee deems appropriate.

The CEO recommends final bonus amounts for the other NEOs to the Committee (not in excess of the maximum) based on an evaluation of our overall financial performance for the year, each NEO's individual performance, internal pay equity comparisons, comparable peer group compensation data, each NEO's position and seniority, and any other factors deemed relevant by the CEO. Individual performance is generally evaluated based on the long-term and annual operating plan for the NEO's area of responsibility, as well as overall corporate initiatives, and may be measured subjectively. The CEO has discretion to select and evaluate the factors that inform the bonus recommendations and in general does not rely on pre-established weightings or quantitative goals or targets with respect to any individual performance measures to determine the final bonuses. The Committee follows a similar process for determining the CEO's annual bonus. The various company and individual performance factors that informed the final 2018 bonuses for the NEOs are as described below.

Company Performance

Fiscal 2018 began with continued downward pressure on operating margins. Actions taken throughout the year resulted in improved results during the second half of the year. In the fourth quarter, Petroleum Additives segment operating profit was up 7.2% from the prior year fourth quarter. For the year, sales for the Petroleum Additives segment were up 4.3%, though full year operating profit was down 9.9%, due mainly to increased raw material cost and conversion costs, partially offset by changes in selling prices. Our 2018 safety performance did not meet our expectations with a worldwide injury/illness rate of 1.05, however the leadership team is focused on restoring our performance to historic benchmark levels. Investments in the business and successful implementation of initiatives have allowed us to better serve our customers both in the U.S. and abroad. Strong cash flows allowed for funding of capital expenditures of \$75 million and improvements in shareholder value through \$80 million paid in dividends and the repurchase of 603,449 shares of common stock.

Individual Performance

Mr. Gottwald, President, CEO and Chairman. Under Mr. Gottwald's leadership and actions taken during the year, the company experienced solid results in 2018. He led the company through a business divestiture, significant leadership changes and a renewed focus on sales and marketing management that yielded positive second half results. While total year profit declined in 2018, the company saw revenue growth and continued to make progress on cost management, and is therefore well positioned for 2019. The Committee considered these accomplishments in addition to the company financial results in the evaluation of Mr. Gottwald's compensation.

Mrs. Harm, President of Afton. Mrs. Harm was appointed President of Afton half-way through the year. Prior to this appointment, she was Chief Operating Officer and led the Research and Development and Supply Chain departments for Afton. Upon her appointment, she put together a strong leadership team with new leaders in key departments. She focused her team on the common goal of delivering profitable growth and this focus resulted in positive second half results. Under her leadership, the R&D and Supply Chain departments progressed several initiatives critical to the company's success. The Committee considered her performance as COO and President of Afton in the evaluation of Mrs. Harm's compensation.

Mr. Hazelgrove, CAO. The Committee considered Mr. Hazelgrove's leadership in several areas including human resources (HR), information technology (IT), real estate, and government relations in the evaluation of his compensation. During 2018, the HR organization supported the company through training, hiring and retention efforts that resulted in an annual turnover rate of approximately 3.6%, below the reported quit rate within our industry classification (Bureau of Labor Statistics). The IT organization supported the business information technology needs of the company and enhanced our cyber security systems, successfully protecting and safeguarding the company's data and intellectual property. Mr. Hazelgrove also successfully delivered on real estate projects in 2018 and managed leases and facilities in a manner consistent with the company's cost savings

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efforts. Our government relations organization supported several key industry initiatives that allow the company and industry to favorably compete in the global economy.

Mr. Paliotti, CFO. Mr. Paliotti has continued to make strategic impacts improving process efficiencies and promoting effective cash management. The Committee considered his strong leadership of the finance organization in the evaluation of his compensation. His team successfully managed the impacts of the 2017 Tax Act and supported the business through valuable financial planning and analysis analytics and completion of efficiency projects. He successfully managed the company's balance sheet which allowed \$80 million to be returned to shareholders in the form of dividends and another \$232 million to be used for common stock buy-backs, further increasing shareholder value.

Mr. West, VP, General Counsel and Secretary. The Committee considered Mr. West's strong leadership of the Legal Department and support given to the company in the evaluation of his compensation. Mr. West and his team continually emphasize the importance of ethics and compliance with our Code of Conduct, conducting in-person and online training to support the business. In 2018, the patent team successfully defended the company's intellectual property. Under his leadership, the legal team successfully managed the cost of environmental compliance work and tort litigation, reduced legacy liabilities and provided legal support for the successful negotiation of a several large commercial transactions.

While both the company and the individual NEOs performed well during 2018, the final bonuses recommended to and approved by the Committee for each NEO were less than the initial maximum amounts, in order that the bonuses payable to each NEO would be consistent with the median total cash compensation level for comparable positions within our peer group and with historical bonus payouts. The final amounts ranged from 47% to 78% of the maximum bonus amounts and placed each NEO's total cash compensation within 20% of the median total cash compensation level for comparable positions within our peer group, except for Mr. Gottwald, whose total cash compensation was approximately 25% below such median. Annual cash compensation (base salary plus annual cash incentive compensation) for Mr. Gottwald (CEO) decreased by 4%, decreased by about 3% for Mr. Hazelgrove and Mr Paliotti and grew modestly for Mr. West by 2% over 2017 annual cash compensation. With consideration given to the company and individual performance, as well as the year over year changes in annual compensation, the Committee approved the bonus recommendations of the CEO for NEOs other than himself without any change.

The final 2018 bonus amounts as approved by the Committee for each NEO are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table on page 21.

Long-Term Incentive Awards

Our long-term incentive program is designed to retain our executives, recognize and reward our executives for their contributions toward our long-term success, and further align their interests with those of our long-term shareholders by tying a portion of their compensation to the value of our common stock.

For equity awards in general, the Committee approves the size of the awards for each NEO in its discretion. The award sizes generally reflect the scope of the duties and responsibilities associated with each NEO's position and seniority, along with other relevant considerations such as peer group compensation data, internal pay equity, company performance and an executive's individual contributions, with no particular weight assigned to any factor. Peer group data is used to compare the competitiveness of the stock grants with equity compensation practices at our peer group companies, but the awards are not targeted at a specific percentile or percentile range of the peer group data.

For our NEOs, our long-term incentive program for 2018 included a performance element in order to better align NEO pay with company performance and shareholder interest.

Performance Stock

In 2018, the company granted performance-based stock awards with a five-year performance period beginning in January 2018. These performance stock grants reward growth in long-term stockholder value through increases in earnings per share (excluding one-time/non-recurring items) (EPS) over a five-year period, and are designed to reflect the direct

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influence of our NEOs on our long-term financial performance. The Committee has selected EPS growth over a five-year period as the performance measure for these awards due to its belief that this measure provides a strong link to stockholder returns, and to directly connect such awards to the company's stated goal of providing 10% shareholder return over any 5 year period.

Participants may earn between 50% and 100% of the shares of Performance Stock awarded. Each award of Performance Stock will vest only upon satisfaction of certain performance criteria, which shall be achieved only if the company's earnings per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 is at least equal to the applicable performance targets. If the target EPS is achieved at the end of the performance period, each NEO will receive 100% of the performance stock award. If approximately 80% of the target EPS is achieved, each NEO will receive 50% of the Performance Stock award. Attainment between threshold and target performance parameters is subject to interpolation on a linear basis, and no more than 100% of the Performance Stock award granted may be earned.

Each year, the company establishes strategic growth objectives designed to meet our goal of providing 10% shareholder return over any five-year period. The specific goals for earnings per share are in alignment with this strategy. We believe that the threshold goal has been established at levels that should be appropriately difficult to attain, and that the target goals will require considerable and increasing collective effort on the part of our employees, including our NEOs, to achieve.

The 2018 Performance Stock awards as approved by the Committee for each NEO are set forth in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table of this proxy statement.

For 2019, the company granted similar performance-based stock awards with a five-year performance period based on EPS at the end of the performance period.

Retirement Benefits

We offer a number of retirement plans to provide security for current and future needs of our employees. We believe that our benefit plans further our goals of attracting and retaining highly-qualified executives. Our retention programs create management stability and solidify alignment of interest between the NEOs and our long-term shareholders.

Pension Plan. We maintain a tax-qualified, defined benefit pension plan (the Pension Plan), aimed at allowing employees, including the NEOs, to retire comfortably at age 65. The Pension Plan is a final average pay plan based on an average of the participant's three consecutive highest-paid years in the ten-year period preceding retirement and years of service. Benefits are paid on a monthly basis according to the participant's elected form of payment.

Savings Plan. In addition to the Pension Plan, we maintain a tax-qualified savings plan (the Savings Plan), designed to provide employees, including the NEOs, with a tax-effective method for saving for a comfortable retirement. We contribute 50% of the first 10% of base pay that the participant contributes to the Savings Plan in the form of our common stock. The participant's contribution is 100% vested at all times, while company contributions vest incrementally until five years of service, when they become fully vested.

Excess Benefit Plan. Because the Internal Revenue Code places limitations on the contributions and benefits highly-paid employees, such as the NEOs, can make to or receive under the Pension Plan and the Savings Plan, we also provide an excess benefit plan (the Excess Benefit Plan), to which we credit additional amounts for each participant such that the participant receives the benefits that would have been received but would otherwise exceed Internal Revenue Code limitations. A participant does not become eligible to receive payments under the Excess

Benefit Plan unless employment terminates at a time or as a result of an event that would have caused the benefits to vest under the Pension Plan. All benefits under the Excess Benefit Plan are paid out of our general assets.

Agreements with NEOs

We do not have employment agreements, change in control agreements or other similar agreements with any of our NEOs.

Table of Contents**Other Policies***Share Ownership Guidelines*

Consistent with their responsibilities to our stockholders, each of the NEOs is required to maintain a financial stake in the company. To this end, each of the NEOs must own shares of our common stock with a fair market value of at least the following annual cash salary multiples:

Role	Salary multiple
CEO	3X
Other NEOs	1X

Ownership requirements may be fulfilled using the following shares:

Shares owned without restriction;

Unvested restricted stock;

Shares owned through our Savings Plan.

The Committee annually reviews and monitors each NEO's compliance with the guidelines. New NEOs are given five years to comply with these requirements. Each of the current NEOs is in compliance with these guidelines.

Clawback Policy

The company has adopted a formal policy requiring each current and former executive officer to forfeit any erroneously awarded incentive-based compensation received by any such officer during the three-year period preceding the date on which the company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the U.S. federal securities laws.

Deductibility of Executive Compensation under Code Section 162(m)

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code imposes a \$1 million limitation on the deduction the company may take for the annual compensation (other than certain grandfathered compensation) paid to its CEO, CFO, its next three most highly compensated executive officers and anyone else who has been a covered executive after 2016. We may pay compensation that does not qualify for this exception and that is non-deductible under Section 162(m), based on the Committee's evaluation of our business needs.

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee has recommended to our Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

H. Hiter Harris, III (Chairman)

Patrick D. Hanley

James E. Rogers

February 28, 2019

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The following table presents information with respect to total compensation of our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and the three other most highly compensated executive officers of our company, whom we refer to in this proxy statement as the named executive officers, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (1)(\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (2)(\$)	Option Awards (3)(\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (4)(\$)	Change in Pension Value and Deferred Earnings (5)(\$)	All Other Compensation (6)(\$)	Total (7)(\$)
Thomas E. Gottwald President and Chief Executive Officer	2018	\$1,053,000	\$0	\$490,316	\$0	\$490,000	\$0	\$68,864	\$2,102,180
	2017	1,032,333	0	510,248	0	575,000	918,916	61,392	3,097,889
	2016	1,002,200	0	0	0	650,000	656,095	56,293	2,364,588
Brian D. Paliotti Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2018	\$403,733	\$0	\$344,264	\$0	\$350,000	\$46,325	\$36,579	\$1,180,901
	2017	374,800	0	353,744	0	400,000	156,055	29,832	1,314,431
	2016	350,733	0	0	0	350,000	94,203	24,678	819,614
Regina A. Harm President of Afton Chemical Corporation	2018	\$465,125	\$0	\$294,189	\$0	\$425,000	139,042	\$37,231	1,360,587
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer	2018	\$468,833	\$0	\$344,264	\$0	\$315,000	\$66,186	\$35,263	\$1,229,546
	2017	455,500	0	353,744	0	350,000	404,978	31,339	1,595,561
	2016	442,133	0	0	0	350,000	291,822	26,131	1,110,086
M. Rudolph West Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2018	\$400,000	\$0	\$344,264	\$0	\$290,000	\$435,895	\$29,336	\$1,499,495
	2017	376,000	0	252,980	0	300,000	654,472	24,670	1,608,122
	2016	365,000	0	0	0	275,000	367,254	20,290	1,027,544

- (1) The amounts in this column represent salaries before employee (or executive) contributions to the Savings Plan. The Savings Plan is a plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. These amounts differ to

the base salary changes described in Compensation Discussion and Analysis Base Salary due to the timing of effective dates for base salary changes.

- (2) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards made as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 and is based on the probable outcome of the performance goals, which we have determined to be target performance. Target performance is also the maximum performance level attainable under the awards. The assumptions used in determining the grant date fair values of the stock are set forth in Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.
- (3) Represents the amounts paid under the Executive Bonus Plan for the year indicated, which incorporates an objective, pre-established performance measure for determining maximum bonus amounts. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Annual Bonus for additional information regarding the design of the Executive Bonus Plan.
- (4) The amounts indicate the aggregate change in the actuarial present value of each named executive officer's accrued benefit under the Pension Plan, the Excess Benefit Plan and (solely for Mr. Gottwald) the Director Retirement Plan, which collectively we refer to in this proxy statement as the pension retirement plans. None of the named executive officers have received above market earnings on any nonqualified deferred compensation plans for any of the years reported in the table. For purposes of computing the actuarial present value of the accrued benefit payable to the named executive officers, we used the same assumptions used for financial reporting purposes under GAAP, including that (a) the retirement age is the normal retirement age (age 65 under the Pension Plan and Excess Benefit Plan and age 60 under the Director Retirement Plan), (b) a 4.250% discount rate for the measurement period ended December 31, 2016, a 3.750% discount rate for the

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measurement period ended December 31, 2017, and a 4.25% discount rate for the measurement period ended December 31, 2018, (c) the named executive officer will remain in our employ until he reaches the normal retirement age and (d) payments will be made on a straight-life monthly annuity basis. For a description of the assumptions we used, see Note 18 to our consolidated financial statements and the discussion in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations both of which are included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and incorporated by reference into this proxy statement. Decreases in the actuarial present value are shown as \$0. The actual decrease for Mr. Gottwald was \$38,295.92.

- (5) The amounts in this column primarily represent our contributions to the Savings Plan and Excess Benefit Plan for each named executive officer as well as dividends earned during the fiscal year on unvested stock awards. We credited the following amounts listed in the total column under each of the plans listed below to each named executive officer in 2018:

Name	Savings Plan	Excess Benefit Plan	Total	Dividends Earned
Thomas E. Gottwald	\$13,750	\$38,900	\$52,650	\$16,214
Brian D. Paliotti	13,750	6,437	20,186	16,070
Regina A. Harm	7,141	16,116	23,256	13,975
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III	13,750	9,692	23,442	11,821
M. Rudolph West	13,750	6,250	20,000	9,336

For Mr. Paliotti the amount in this column also includes \$322 that he received as a service award including tax gross up.

For prior periods, this column also includes certain adjustments to add dividends earned on unvested equity awards that were not factored into the grant date fair value of such awards. These adjustments are as follows: Mr. Gottwald: \$5,112 for 2016; Mr. Paliotti: \$7,141 for 2016; Mr. Hazelgrove: \$705 in 2017 and \$4,024 in 2016; and Mr. West: \$1,094 in 2017 and \$2,040 in 2016.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information concerning awards under our Executive Bonus Plan and individual performance stock grants made during the year ended December 31, 2018 to the named executive officers.

Grant

Potential Future Payouts Under Estimated Future Payouts Under Grant Date Fair

Name	Grant Date	Equity Incentive Plan Awards (1)			Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)		Value of Stock Awards(3)
		Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold (# of awards)	Target (# of awards)	
Thomas E. Gottwald Bonus Program Performance Stock	- 03/14/2018	-	\$490,000	\$2,000,000	587	1175	\$490,316
Brian D. Paliotti Bonus Program Performance Stock	- 03/14/2018	-	\$350,000	\$2,000,000	412	825	\$344,264
Regina A. Harm Bonus Program Performance Stock	- 03/14/2018	-	\$425,000	\$2,000,000	352	705	\$294,189
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III Bonus Program Performance Stock	- 03/14/2018	-	\$315,000	\$2,000,000	412	825	\$344,264
M. Rudolph West Bonus Program Performance Stock	- 03/14/2018	-	\$290,000	\$2,000,000	412	825	\$344,264

(1) This column reflects the target and maximum amounts potentially payable under the 2018 Executive Bonus Program. The maximum payout is merely the individual dollar limit established by the Executive Bonus Program, and does not reflect the Committee's evaluation

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of each individual's performance against goals for the year. Maximum bonuses under the Executive Bonus Program are determined based on a percentage assigned to each executive of our company's operating profit for the year. There are no threshold or target levels of performance established with respect to the Executive Bonus Program. The target amount shown above is a representative amount based on the previous fiscal year's performance. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Annual Cash Bonuses for discussion of 2018 Executive Bonus Program and amounts actually earned in 2018.

- (2) This column reflects the threshold and target amount of shares distributable under performance share awards granted on March 14, 2018 under our 2014 Incentive Compensation and Stock Plan. Awards will vest on the achievement of specified levels of earnings per share in the 2022 fiscal year. Target performance is the maximum performance level attainable under the awards.
- (3) Amounts included in this column represent the grant date fair value recognized with respect to the 2018 fiscal year in accordance with ASC 718 and is based on the maximum amounts attainable. For a discussion of valuation assumptions, see Note 15 to our consolidated financial statements, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table presents information concerning the number and value of nonvested restricted stock and restricted stock units for the named executive officers outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. There were no other equity awards such as options, SARs or similar instruments or incentive plan awards for the named executive officers outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

Name	Number of Shares That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares That Have Not Vested (4) (\$)	Stock Awards	
			Equity Incentive Plan Awards Number of Unearned Shares That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares That Have Not Vested (4) (\$)
Thomas E. Gottwald	0	\$0	1,190 (2) 1,175 (3)	\$974,593
Brian D. Paliotti	667 (1)	274,864	825 (2) 825 (3)	679,949
Regina A. Harm	667 (1)	274,864	590 (2) 705 (3)	533,657
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III	0	0	825 (2) 825 (3)	679,949
M. Rudolph West	0	0	590 (2) 825 (3)	583,107

- (1) The shares reported here reflect the special 2014 restricted stock awards to Mr. Paliotti and Mrs. Harm, which will vest on November 14, 2019, provided he or she is employed by our company through such date, or upon his or her earlier termination due to death or disability.
- (2) Represent performance stock granted on January 2, 2017, which vest in full as determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's attainment of pre-established earnings per share targets as of December 31, 2019 with Compensation Committee evaluation of performance to be made after the close of the 2019 fiscal year.
- (3) Represent performance stock granted on March 14, 2018, which vest in full as determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's attainment of pre-established earnings per share targets as of December 31, 2022 with Compensation Committee evaluation of performance to be made after the close of the 2022 fiscal year.
- (4) The market value is based on the last sales price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE on December 31, 2018, which was \$412.09.

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The following table presents information concerning the number and value of stock awards vested for the named executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

Name	Stock awards	
	Number of shares acquired on vesting (1)(#)	Value realized on vesting (2) (\$)
Thomas E. Gottwald	245	\$94,729
Brian D. Paliotti	185	71,530
Regina A. Harm	185	71,530
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III	245	94,729
M. Rudolph West	125	48,331

(1) The shares reported here reflect the 2015 restricted stock awards we made to our named executive officers that vested on December 18, 2018.

(2) The value realized is equal to the number of shares vested, multiplied by the closing market price of the company's common stock on the vesting date.

Pension Benefits

The following table presents information as of December 31, 2018 concerning each defined benefit plan of our company that provides for payments or other benefits to the named executive officers at, following or in connection with retirement:

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
		(#)	(#)	(#)
Thomas E. Gottwald	Pension Plan	27 ⁽¹⁾	\$787,955	\$0
	Excess Benefit Plan (Pension Plan Component)	27 ⁽¹⁾	4,638,270	0
	Director Retirement Plan ⁽²⁾	n/a	151,397	0

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Brian D. Paliotti	Pension Plan	11	192,083	0
	Excess Benefit Plan (Pension Plan Component)	11	255,037	0
Regina A. Harm	Pension Plan	12	366,615	0
	Excess Benefit Plan (Pension Plan Component)	12	421,380	0
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III	Pension Plan	22	738,184	0
	Excess Benefit Plan (Pension Plan Component)	22	1,343,176	0
M. Rudolph West	Pension Plan	27	1,072,456	0
	Excess Benefit Plan (Pension Plan Component)	27	1,252,451	0

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(1) As of December 31, 2018, Mr. Gottwald had 32 years of service with our company and affiliate or predecessor employers, but only 27 years were applicable as credits for service under the Pension Plan and Excess Benefit Plan. Mr. Gottwald could not apply his full 32 years of service with our company and affiliate or predecessor employers because he had not continuously worked for our company and affiliate or predecessor employers for 32 years. For a period of time, he worked for an entity unrelated to our company and affiliate or predecessor employers.

(2) In exchange for his services as a director, Mr. Gottwald is eligible to participate in our Director Retirement Plan, which pays a lifetime benefit of \$12,000 per year upon an eligible director's retirement or on after the age of 60, regardless of years of service. See Compensation of Directors Directors Retirement Benefits on page 9.

For purposes of computing the actuarial present value of the accrued benefit payable to the named executive officers, we used the same assumptions used for financial reporting purposes under GAAP, including that (a) the retirement age is the normal retirement age (age 65 under the Pension Plan and Excess Benefit Plan and age 60 under the Director Retirement Plan), (b) a 4.250% discount rate for the measurement period ended December 31, 2018, (c) the named executive officer will remain in our employ until he reaches the normal retirement age and (d) payments will be made on a straight-life monthly annuity basis. For a description of the assumptions we used, see Note 18 to our consolidated financial statements and the discussion in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations both of which are included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and incorporated by reference into this proxy statement.

Pension Plan

We maintain the Pension Plan, which is a defined benefit plan that covers, generally, full-time salaried U.S. employees of our company and participating subsidiaries who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We have reserved the right to terminate or amend the Pension Plan at any time, subject to certain restrictions identified in the Pension Plan.

The benefit formula under the Pension Plan is based on the participant's final-average earnings, which are defined as the average of the highest three consecutive calendar years' earnings (base pay plus 50% of incentive bonuses, not including any Performance Stock awards, paid in any fiscal year) during the 10 consecutive calendar years immediately preceding the date of determination. The years of pension benefit service for each of our named executive officers as of December 31, 2018, were: Thomas E. Gottwald, 27; Brian D. Paliotti, 11; Regina A. Harm, 12; Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III, 22; and M. Rudolph West, 27. Benefits under the pension retirement plans are computed on the basis of a life annuity with 60 months guaranteed payments. The benefits are not subject to reduction for Social Security. On December 31, 2000, we terminated our tax-qualified defined benefit plan for our salaried employees in the United States, which for the purposes of this discussion we refer to as the prior plan, and implemented the Pension Plan with an identical formula on January 1, 2001. For purposes of determining pension benefit service under the Pension Plan, participants receive credit for years of pension benefit service earned under the prior plan; however, their benefits under the Pension Plan are offset by benefits that we paid to them under the prior plan.

Subject to certain limitations, a participant who reaches normal retirement age (65 years of age) receives an annuity for life payable monthly beginning on his normal retirement date (as defined in the Pension Plan) at a monthly allowance equal to the difference between the following:

1.1% of his final average pay plus 1.5% of the excess of his final average pay over his covered compensation, multiplied by his number of years of pension benefit service; and

the sum of (1) any annual benefit accrued or paid under any other qualified defined benefit plan sponsored or previously maintained by an affiliate of our company or any predecessor employer, (2) any annual benefit accrued under a multi-employer defined benefit plan contributed to by an affiliate of our company on behalf of the participant and (3) the participant's December 31, 2000 accrued benefit under the prior plan, which we paid out when we terminated the prior plan.

Subject to certain limitations, a participant who retires before his normal retirement date and who has completed 10 years of vesting service and reached age 55 may receive a monthly annuity beginning on his early retirement date (as

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defined in the Pension Plan). The early retirement annuity is based on the participant's normal retirement benefit but is reduced actuarially to reflect commencement prior to age 65.

Pension Plan benefits with an actuarially equivalent cash value up to \$25,000 may be paid as a lump sum.

Under the Pension Plan, a participant who transfers to us from one of our subsidiaries or affiliates which maintains its own pension plan will receive a benefit under the Pension Plan that is equal to the greater of his accrued benefit under the Pension Plan based on his total years of service from his date of hire with the subsidiary or affiliate, offset by his benefit under the subsidiary or affiliate's plan, or his benefit accrued under the Pension Plan based on his years of service from his date of transfer with no offset for the accrued benefit under the subsidiary or affiliate's plan.

Excess Benefit Plan

The Internal Revenue Code limits the amount of pension benefits companies may pay under federal income tax qualified plans. As a result, our Board of Directors adopted the Excess Benefit Plan, under which we will make additional payments so that a person affected by the Internal Revenue Code limitations will receive the same amount he otherwise would have received under the Pension Plan and the Savings Plan but for the Internal Revenue Code limitations. We have reserved the right to terminate or amend the Excess Benefit Plan at any time.

We maintain the Excess Benefit Plan in the form of a nonqualified pension plan that provides eligible individuals the difference between the benefits they actually accrue under our Pension Plan and Savings Plan and the benefits they would have accrued under those plans but for the maximum benefit and the limit on annual additions and the limitation on compensation that may be recognized under the Internal Revenue Code. The Excess Benefit Plan is divided into two components, a component for excess contributions credited under the Savings Plan formula and a component for excess benefits accrued under the Pension Plan formula. With respect to the Pension Plan component of the Excess Benefit Plan, which we refer to in this proxy statement as the Pension Plan component, the eligible individuals will accrue the amount that they would have accrued under the Pension Plan but for the limitations recognized by the Internal Revenue Code. With respect to the Savings Plan component of the Excess Benefit Plan, which we refer to as the Savings Plan component, the eligible individuals will be credited with the matching contributions that the company would have made to the Savings Plan but for the limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Savings Plan component is hypothetically invested in phantom shares of our common stock based on the fair market value at the end of the month in which the amounts are credited. The amounts credited to the Savings Plan component reflect contributions that cannot be made to the Savings Plan because of limitations under the Internal Revenue Code and earnings thereon. Only the Pension Plan component is reported in the Pension Plan table above; the Savings Plan component is reported in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan table below.

Benefits accrued under the two components of the Excess Benefit Plan are distributed in the following manner: (1) the Pension Plan component is paid in cash (A) with respect to benefits earned prior to January 1, 2005, at the same time and in the same form as benefits are paid to the eligible individuals under the Pension Plan and (B) with respect to benefits earned after December 31, 2004, in an annuity form elected by the participant and (2) the Savings Plan component is paid in cash (a cash amount equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of payment) in a lump sum following termination of employment. For those participants who are considered "key employees" under the Internal Revenue Code, generally they will not begin to receive payment on benefits they earn under the Excess Benefit Plan after December 31, 2004 for six months following termination of their employment. All benefits under the Excess Benefit Plan vest if the participant is terminated (other than for reasons of fraud and dishonesty) within three years of a change in control of our company (as defined in the Excess Benefit Plan). All of our named executive officers are currently 100% vested in their Excess Benefit Plan benefits.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

The following table presents information concerning the Savings Plan component of our Excess Benefit Plan, which provides for the deferral of compensation paid to or earned by the named executive officers on a basis that is not tax qualified. For a discussion of our Excess Benefit Plan, see [Pension Benefits Excess Benefit Plan](#) on page 26.

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Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY	Registrant Contributions in Last FY⁽¹⁾	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Thomas E. Gottwald	\$0	\$38,900	\$206,609	\$0	\$5,416,652
Brian D. Paliotti	0	6,437	5,674	0	20,334
Regina A. Harm	0	16,116	17,678	0	57,060
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III	0	9,692	9,851	0	114,050
M. Rudolph West	0	6,250	5,251	0	16,827

(1) For further discussion, see footnote 5 under the Summary Compensation Table on page 22.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

We have not entered into any employment, severance, change-in-control or other contract, agreement, plan or arrangement, whether written or unwritten, that provides for payment(s) to any of our named executive officers, at, following, or in connection with any termination of an executive officer's employment or a change in control of the company other than (i) benefits and payments previously disclosed in the Pension Plan and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan tables above, in which all of our named executive officers are currently 100% vested and which are generally payable on any termination of a named executive officer's employment; (ii) employee benefit plans and arrangements that do not discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of our executive officers and that are generally available to all of our salaried employees and (iii) the long term incentive awards, which provide for accelerated vesting on termination due to death or disability, and, for Performance Stock awards, elimination of service (but not performance) vesting requirements on retirement, as described below.

The restricted stock and performance stock awards granted as a part of our long-term incentive program typically include a service-based vesting requirement. For a discussion of these awards, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long Term Incentive Awards on page 18. Any unvested restricted stock awards held by an NEO upon retirement or other termination of employment, other than due to death or disability, prior to the vesting date will be forfeited. However, such awards will vest in full upon an NEO's termination due to death or disability prior to the vesting date. Any unvested performance stock held by an NEO upon termination of employment, other than due to retirement, death or disability, prior to the vesting date, will be forfeited. However, such awards will vest in part upon an NEO's termination due to death or disability prior to the vesting date. The performance stock that vests on an NEO's death or disability equals the number of shares of performance stock awarded, times the ratio of: (x) the number of days elapsed since the start of the performance period and prior to the NEO's death or disability, over (y) the total number of days in the performance period. Upon a participant's retirement, a percentage of the performance stock will be forfeited based on the number of days remaining in the service period. Remaining shares of performance stock that are not forfeited upon retirement will no longer be subject to service-based vesting requirements, but shall remain subject to the performance requirements, and therefore will not vest unless and until such performance requirements are met. Retirement for this purpose means the participant terminates employment under circumstances entitling the participant to participate in our employee benefit programs for retirees.

The table below quantifies the estimated benefit to our NEOs in connection with such a trigger event occurring on the last business day of our 2018 fiscal year, and based on a share price of \$412.09, the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2018.

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Name	Retirement	Disability	Death
Thomas E. Gottwald			
Vesting of restricted stock	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pro rata vesting of performance stock	0		
Brian D. Paliotti			
Vesting of restricted stock	0	274,864	274,864
Pro rata vesting of performance stock	0		
Regina A. Harm			
Vesting of restricted stock	0	274,864	274,864
Pro rata vesting of performance stock	0		
Bruce R. Hazelgrove, III			
Vesting of restricted stock	0	0	0
Pro rata vesting of performance stock	0		
M. Rudolph West			
Vesting of restricted stock	0	0	0
Pro rata vesting of performance stock	0		

CEO Pay Ratio

As required by Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information about the relationship of the median annual total compensation of our employees and the annual total compensation of Mr. Thomas E. Gottwald, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Median employee total annual compensation:	\$ 95,606
CEO total annual compensation:	\$2,121,804
Ratio of CEO total annual compensation to the median employee:	22:1

We determined our employee population on December 31, 2018 and, at that time, our employee population consisted of approximately 2,122 individuals with 52% of these individuals located in the United States and 48% located in non-US locations in Europe, Asia Pacific, India, Latin America, Canada and the Middle East. After taking into consideration item 402(u)(4)(ii) de minimis exemption, we excluded 8 employees (0.4%) from the following 4 non-US locations: Austria (1 employee), Netherlands (1 employee), South Africa (1 employee) and Venezuela (5 employees). The resulting employee population consisted of approximately 2,114 individuals.

In accordance with SEC requirements, to identify the median employee, we used annual taxable compensation as a consistently applied compensation measure (CACM). Considering the variety of pay elements in each of our geographic locations, we determined this measure would provide the most consistent and accurate estimate of total compensation. We obtained and examined annual taxable compensation supplied by our payroll provider for each of our geographic locations using the 12-month period ending December 31, 2018. For permanent employees who

worked less than a full year, we annualized their pay based on days worked during the year. We included part-time and temporary employees in our population but we did not annualize pay for these employees. We then converted non-US compensation to USD currency using average exchange rates over the same 12-month period. We did not apply any cost-of-living adjustments in identifying the median employee. After identifying the median employee, we calculated that individual's total annual compensation as defined by the Summary Compensation Table (SCT) and also included the value of health care benefits (approximately \$7,913). This value was then compared to the value of the CEO's pay as referenced in the SCT plus the value of health care benefits (approximately \$19,624). The median employee and CEO are eligible for similar health care programs with similar benefit values, the difference in the benefit values listed above is based on the selection of single coverage vs. family coverage respectively. We believe this ratio is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u).

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is composed of three independent directors and operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. Management is responsible for NewMarket's financial reporting process, including the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing an independent audit of NewMarket's consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of NewMarket's internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and for issuing reports thereon. The Audit Committee's responsibility is, among other things, to monitor and oversee these processes and to report thereon to the Board of Directors. In this context, the Audit Committee has met and held discussions with management and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, NewMarket's independent registered public accounting firm.

Management represented to the Audit Committee that NewMarket's consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the consolidated financial statements with management and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

The Audit Committee has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16, Communications with Audit Committees, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

The Audit Committee also has received the written disclosures and the letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526 (Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence), and has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP that firm's independence from NewMarket.

Based upon the Audit Committee's discussions with management and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and the Audit Committee's review of the representation of management and the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board of Directors include the audited consolidated financial statements in NewMarket's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy

The Audit Committee has adopted an Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy for the pre-approval of audit services and permitted non-audit services by NewMarket's independent registered public accounting firm in order to assure that the provision of such services does not impair the independent registered public accounting firm's independence from NewMarket. Unless a type of service to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm has received general pre-approval, it will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. Any proposed services exceeding pre-approved cost levels also will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. In all pre-approval instances, the Audit Committee will consider whether such services are consistent with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules on auditor independence.

The Audit Committee has designated in the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy specific services that have the pre-approval of the Audit Committee and has classified these pre-approved services into one of four categories: Audit, Audit-Related, Tax and All Other. The term of any pre-approval is 12 months from the date of pre-approval, unless the Audit Committee specifically provides for a different period. The Audit Committee will revise the list of pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations.

Pre-approval fee levels for all services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm will be established periodically by the Audit Committee. Any proposed services exceeding these levels will require specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee recognizes the overall relationship of fees for audit and non-audit services in determining whether to pre-approve any such services. For each fiscal year, the Audit Committee may determine the appropriate ratio between the total amount of fees for Audit, Audit-related, and Tax services, and the total amount of fees for services classified as permissible All Other services.

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The Audit Committee has designated the Chief Financial Officer to monitor the performance of the services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm and to determine whether such services are in compliance with the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy. Both the Chief Financial Officer and management will immediately report to the Chairman of the Audit Committee any breach of the Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy that comes to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer or any member of management.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mark M. Gambill, Chairman

H. Hiter Harris, III

James E. Rogers

February 28, 2019

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The Audit Committee has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, subject to shareholder approval. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present at the annual meeting with an opportunity to make a statement and to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's principal function is to audit management's assessment of the effectiveness of NewMarket's internal control over financial reporting and our consolidated financial statements and, in connection with that audit, to review certain related filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to conduct limited reviews of the financial statements included in our quarterly reports.

The Audit Committee and our Board of Directors unanimously recommend that you vote FOR the proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as NewMarket's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Fees Billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

The following table sets forth the fees billed to us for the audit and other services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Audit Fees	\$2,254,594	\$2,486,474
Audit-Related Fees	25,405	27,036
Tax Fees ⁽¹⁾	968,493	1,162,381 ⁽²⁾
All Other Fees	0	22,516
Total fees	3,248,492	\$3,698,407

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