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March 7, 2014

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

The Board of Directors of Polaris Industries Inc. ("Polaris") joins me in extending a cordial invitation to attend our 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders which will be held at our corporate headquarters, 2100 Highway 55, Medina, Minnesota 55340, on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. local time.

In addition to voting on the matters described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, we will review Polaris' 2013 business and discuss our direction for the coming years. There will also be an opportunity, after conclusion of the formal business of the meeting, to discuss other matters of interest to you as a shareholder.

Again this year, we will be using the "Notice and Access" method of furnishing proxy materials to you over the Internet. We believe that this process will provide you with a convenient and quick way to access your proxy materials and vote your shares, while allowing us to reduce the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting and the costs of printing and distributing the proxy materials. On or about March 7, 2014, we will mail to many of our shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and Annual Report and vote electronically over the Internet. The Notice also contains instructions on how to receive a paper copy of your proxy materials. We will not be mailing the Notice to shareholders who previously elected to receive paper copies of the proxy materials, but rather will mail those shareholders a full set of the proxy materials.

It is important that your shares be represented at the meeting whether or not you plan to attend in person. Please vote electronically over the Internet or, if you receive a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, by telephone or by returning your signed proxy card in the envelope provided. If you do attend the meeting and desire to vote in person, you may do so by following the procedures described in the Proxy Statement even though you have previously sent a proxy.

We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Wine Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

**Enclosures** 

POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC. 2100 Highway 55 Medina, Minnesota 55340 March 7, 2014

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Polaris Industries Inc. will hold its 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders at its corporate headquarters located at 2100 Highway 55, Medina, Minnesota 55340, on Thursday, April 24, 2014. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. local time. The proxy materials were either made available to you over the Internet or mailed to you beginning on or about March 7, 2014. At the meeting, our shareholders will:

- 1. Elect one Class III director for a one-year term ending in 2015 and three Class II directors for three-year terms ending in 2017.
- 2. Approve the amended and restated Polaris Industries Inc. Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.
- 3. Ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014.
- 4. Submit an advisory vote on approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers (as defined in the accompanying Proxy Statement).
- 5. Act on any other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The Board recommends that shareholders vote FOR each of the following:

- 1. The director nominees named in the accompanying Proxy Statement.
- The approval of the amended and restated Polaris Industries Inc. Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.
- 3. The ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014.
- 4. The advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on February 27, 2014 may vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Stacy L. Bogart Stacy L. Bogart Vice President-General Counsel and Secretary

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote as soon as possible via the Internet as described in the Notice. If you received a copy of the proxy card by mail, you may vote by Internet or telephone as instructed on the proxy card, or you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the envelope provided.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2014.

Our Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, our Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 are

available at https://materials.proxyvote.com/731068.

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PROXY STATEMENT

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

Q: Who can vote?

You can vote if you were a shareholder at the close of business on the record date of February 27, 2014. There were a total of 65,878,994 shares of our common stock outstanding on February 27, 2014. The Notice of Internet A: Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice"), this Proxy Statement and any accompanying proxy card, along with the 2013 Annual Report to Shareholders and the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, were first made available to you beginning on or about March 7, 2014. The Proxy Statement summarizes the information you need to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Q: What am I voting on?

A: You are voting on:

Election of one nominee as a Class III director for a one-year term ending in 2015 and three nominees as Class II directors for three-year terms ending in 2017. The Board of Directors' nominee for Class III is Kevin M. Farr, and the nominees for Class II are Gary E. Hendrickson, R.M. (Mark) Schreck, and William G. Van Dyke.

Approval of the amended and restated Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.

Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014.

Advisory vote on approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers (as defined below).

Q: How does the Board recommend I vote on the proposals?

The Board is soliciting your proxy and recommends you vote FOR the director nominees, FOR the approval of the amended and restated Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, FOR the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014 and FOR the advisory vote on approval of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

Q: Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials instead of a paper copy of the proxy materials?

"Notice and Access" rules adopted by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") permit us to furnish proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report for 2013, to our shareholders by providing access to such documents on the Internet instead of mailing printed copies. Most shareholders will not receive printed copies of the proxy materials unless they request them. Instead, the Notice, which was mailed to most of our shareholders, will instruct you as to how you may access and review all of the proxy materials on the Internet. The Notice also instructs you as to how you may submit your proxy on the Internet. If you would like to receive a paper or email copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials in the Notice. Any request to receive proxy materials by mail will remain in effect until you revoke it.

Q: How many shares must be voted to approve each proposal?

Quorum. A majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock represented in person or by proxy is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. As of the record date, 65,878,994 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding. A majority of those shares, or 32,939,498 shares of our common stock, will constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing directors, adopting proposals and submitting advisory votes at the Annual Meeting. If you submit a valid proxy or attend the Annual Meeting, your shares will be counted to determine whether there is a quorum.

Vote Required. Proposal 1: Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast. A plurality means that the nominees with the greatest number of votes are elected as directors up to the maximum number of directors to be chosen at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the voting for the election of directors. In July 2013, we amended our Corporate Governance Guidelines to adopt a requirement that any director who fails to receive a majority of the votes cast "for" or "against" his or her election in an uncontested election must promptly tender his or her resignation. In that event, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee must make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the tender of resignation. The Board, after taking into account the recommendation, must publicly disclose its decision and rationale within 90 days after the election. The director who failed to receive a majority vote will not participate in the decision.

Proposals 2 and 3: The proposals to approve the Company's amended and restated Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan and to ratify the selection of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm will be determined by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote, assuming the presence of a quorum (provided that the number of shares voted in favor of such proposals constitutes more than 25% of the outstanding shares of our common stock).

Proposal 4: We will consider the shareholders to have approved the compensation of our Named Executive Officers if there are more votes cast "FOR" the proposal than "AGAINST." The advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers is not binding on the Board, but the Compensation Committee will consider the shareholders' advisory input when establishing compensation for our Named Executive Officers in future years.

Q: What is the effect of broker non-votes and abstentions?

A "broker non-vote" occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that proposal and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. If a broker returns a "non-vote" proxy indicating a lack of authority to vote on a proposal, then the shares covered by such a "non-vote" proxy will be deemed present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum, but not present for purposes of calculating the vote with respect to that particular proposal. Nominees will not have discretionary voting power with respect to any matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting other than the ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm. Broker non-votes will generally have no effect in determining whether any proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting are approved, although if a quorum for the Annual Meeting could not be established without including broker non-votes, then the broker non-votes required to establish the minimum quorum would have the same effect as votes against the proposal to approve the amended and restated Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.

A properly executed proxy marked "ABSTAIN" with respect to a proposal will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum and will be considered present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on that proposal, but will not be deemed to have been voted in favor of such proposal. Abstentions will therefore have the same effect as voting against the proposals to approve the amended and restated Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan and to ratify the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions will have no effect on the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

Q: How will the proxies vote on any other business brought up at the meeting?

By submitting your proxy, you authorize the proxies to use their judgment to determine how to vote on any other A: matter brought before the Annual Meeting. We do not know of any other business to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

The proxies' authority to vote according to their judgment applies only to shares you own as the shareholder of record.

Q: How do I cast my vote?

A: If you are a shareholder whose shares are registered in your name, you may vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting or by using one of the three following methods:

Vote by Internet by following the instructions for Internet voting shown on the Notice, or if you requested printed proxy materials or you receive a paper copy of the proxy card, by following the instructions provided with your proxy materials and on your proxy card.

If you elected to receive printed proxy materials, you may also:

Vote by phone following the instructions for telephone voting provided with your printed proxy materials and on your proxy card.

Vote by completing, signing, dating and mailing the proxy card in the envelope provided. If you vote by phone or Internet, please do not mail your proxy card.

If you are a street-name shareholder (meaning that your shares are registered in the name of your bank or broker), you will receive instructions from your bank, broker or other nominee describing how to vote your shares.

Whichever method you use, the proxies identified on the proxy will vote the shares of which you are the shareholder of record in accordance with your instructions. If you submit a proxy without giving specific voting instructions, the proxies will vote those shares as recommended by the Board.

Q: Can I vote my shares by filling out and returning the Notice?

No. The Notice identifies the items to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, but you cannot vote by marking the A: Notice and returning it. The Notice provides instructions on how to vote by Internet, by requesting and returning a paper proxy card or voting instruction card, or by submitting a ballot in person at the meeting.

Q: Can I revoke or change my vote?

A: You can revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted by:

Submitting a new proxy with a more recent date than that of the first proxy given by (1) following the telephone voting instructions or (2) following the Internet voting instructions or (3) completing, signing, dating and returning a new proxy card to us; or

Giving written notice before the vote at the meeting to our Secretary, stating that you are revoking your proxy.

Unless you decide to vote your shares in person, you should revoke your prior proxy in the same way you initially submitted it - that is, by telephone, Internet or mail.

Q: Who will count the votes?

A: Broadridge Financial Solutions, our independent proxy tabulator, will count the votes. A representative of Broadridge Financial Solutions and Sean Bagan, our Treasurer, will act as inspectors of election for the meeting.

Q: Is my vote confidential?

A: All proxies and all vote tabulations that identify an individual shareholder are confidential. Your vote will not be disclosed, except:

To allow Broadridge Financial Solutions to tabulate the vote;

To allow Sean Bagan, our Treasurer, and a representative of Broadridge Financial Solutions to certify the results of the vote; and

To meet applicable legal requirements.

Q: What shares are included on my proxy?

A:

Your proxy will represent all shares registered to your account in the same social security number and address, including any full and fractional shares you own under the Polaris 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, the Polaris Restricted Stock Plan, the Polaris Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as well as shares you own through the Polaris Employee Stock Ownership Plan and the Polaris 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan.

# Q: What happens if I don't vote shares that I own?

For shares registered in your name. If you do not vote shares that are registered in your name by voting in person at A: the Annual Meeting or by proxy through the Internet, telephone or mail as described on the Notice, the Internet voting site or, if you requested printed proxy materials or receive a paper copy of the proxy card, by following the instructions

therein, your shares will not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum or in determining the outcome of the vote on the proposals presented at the Annual Meeting.

For shares held in street name. If you hold shares through a broker, you will receive voting instructions from your broker. If you do not submit voting instructions to your broker and your broker does not have discretion to vote your shares on a particular matter, then your shares will not be counted in determining the outcome of the vote on that matter at the Annual Meeting. See effect of "broker non-votes" as described above. Your broker will not have discretion to vote your shares for any matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting other than the ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm. Accordingly, it is important that you provide voting instructions to your broker for the matters to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

For shares held in certain employee plans. If you hold shares in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan and you do not submit your voting instructions by proxy through the mail, telephone or Internet as described on the proxy card, those shares will be voted in the manner described in the following two questions.

Q: How are common shares in the Polaris Employee Stock Ownership Plan voted?

If you hold shares of common stock through the Polaris Employee Stock Ownership Plan, your proxy card will instruct the trustee of the plan how to vote the shares allocated to your plan account. If you do not return your proxy card (or you submit it with an unclear voting designation or with no voting designation at all), then the plan trustee will vote the shares in your account in proportion to the instructions actually received by the trustee from participants who give voting instructions. Votes under the Polaris Employee Stock Ownership Plan receive the same confidentiality as all other votes.

Q: How are common shares in the Polaris 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan voted?

If you hold shares of our common stock through the Polaris 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, your proxy card will instruct the trustee of the plan how to vote the shares allocated to your plan account. If you do not return your proxy A: card (or you submit it with an unclear voting designation or with no voting designation at all), then the shares in your account will not be voted. Votes under the Polaris 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan receive the same confidentiality as all other votes.

Q: What does it mean if I get more than one Notice or proxy card?

A: Your shares are probably registered in more than one account. You should provide voting instructions for all Notices and proxy cards you receive.

Q: How many votes can I cast?

A: You are entitled to one vote per share on all matters presented at the meeting.

Q: When are shareholder proposals and nominees due for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders?

If you want to submit a shareholder proposal or nominee for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, you must submit the proposal in writing to our Corporate Secretary, Polaris Industries Inc., 2100 Highway 55, Medina, Minnesota 55340, so it is received by the relevant date set forth below under "Submission of Shareholder Proposals and Nominations."

Q: How is this proxy solicitation being conducted?

We engaged D.F. King & Co., Inc. to assist in the distribution of proxy materials and the solicitation of votes for a fee of \$16,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses. We will pay for the cost of soliciting proxies and we will reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for A: forwarding proxy and solicitation materials to our shareholders. In addition, some of our employees may solicit proxies. D.F. King & Co., Inc. and employees may solicit proxies in person, by telephone and by mail. Our employees will not receive special compensation for these services, which the employees will perform as part of their regular duties.

# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of February 14, 2014 by each person known to us who then beneficially owned more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock, each director, each nominee for director, each Named Executive Officer named in the Summary Compensation Table appearing below and all current executive officers and directors as a group. As of February 14, 2014, there were 65,721,035 shares of common stock outstanding. Except as otherwise indicated, the named beneficial owner has sole voting and investment powers with respect to the shares held by such beneficial owner. The table also includes information with respect to common stock equivalents and deferred stock units credited as of February 14, 2014 to the accounts of each director as described in this Proxy Statement under the heading "Director Compensation."

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership		Common Stock Equivalents(10)	Deferred Stock Units(11)
The Vanguard Group(1)	4,201,642	6.4%		
BlackRock, Inc.(2)	4,184,476	6.4%		
Polaris Industries Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan(3)	4,148,336	6.3%		
Wells Fargo & Company(4)	3,908,554	5.9%		
Scott W. Wine(5)(6)	679,831	1.0%		
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer				
Michael W. Malone(6)(7)	234,025	*		
Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer				
Bennett J. Morgan(6)(8)	615,763	*		
President and Chief Operating Officer				
Stacy L. Bogart(6)	57,191	*		
Vice President – General Counsel and Secretary				
James P. Williams(5)(6)	84,000	*		
Vice President – Human Resources				
Annette K. Clayton	0	*	27,981	17,968
Director				
Brian C. Cornell	0	*	1,043	1,491
Director				
Kevin M. Farr	0	*	267	0
Director				
Gary E. Hendrickson	0	*	2,830	4,457
Director				
Bernd F. Kessler	0	*	5,983	7,146
Director				
R. M. (Mark) Schreck	480	*	40,555	17,968
Director				
William G. Van Dyke(9)	2,000	*	23,238	17,968
Director				
John P. Wiehoff	0	*	17,091	15,049
Director			·	
All directors and current executive officers as a group (20 persons)(5)-(9)	2,083,783	3.2%	118,988	82,047

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates ownership of less than 1%.

The address for The Vanguard Group and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Vanguard") is 100 Vanguard Boulevard, Malvern, PA 19355. Vanguard has sole voting power with respect to 58,649 shares, shared voting power with (1) respect to 0 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 4,150,293 shares and shared dispositive power with respect to 51,349 shares. This information was reported on a Schedule 13G/A filed by Vanguard with the SEC on February 11, 2014.

- The address for BlackRock, Inc. and its affiliates (collectively, "BlackRock") is 40 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022. BlackBook, an investment advisor, has sale vetting power with respect to 3.702.808 shares and sale.
- (2) 10022. BlackRock, an investment advisor, has sole voting power with respect to 3,792,808 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 4,184,476 shares. This information was reported on a Schedule 13G/A filed by BlackRock with the SEC on January 30, 2014.
  - The address for the Polaris Industries Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "ESOP") is 2100 Highway 55,
- (3) Medina, MN 55340. The ESOP has shared voting and shared dispositive power with respect to 4,148,336 shares. This information was reported on a Schedule 13G filed by the ESOP with the SEC on February 13, 2014. The address for Wells Fargo & Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Wells Fargo") is 420 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104. Wells Fargo has sole voting power with respect to 1 share, shared power to vote
- (4) with respect to 3,875,935 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 1 share, and shared dispositive power with respect to 3,898,267 shares. This information was reported on a Schedule 13G filed by Wells Fargo with the SEC on January 27, 2014.
  - Includes 24,000 and 30,000 restricted shares of common stock awarded to Messrs. Wine and Williams, respectively, and 93,000 aggregate restricted shares of common stock awarded to current executive officers as a group under the Polaris Industries Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan. All of the 93,000 restricted shares, except
- (5)24,000 unvested shares granted to Mr. Wine in January 2011 become freely tradable only if we achieve certain financial targets provided holders continue to be employees. The remaining 24,000 unvested restricted shares granted to Mr. Wine become freely tradable on a ratable basis over the next two years provided that he continues to be an employee.
- Includes shares which could be purchased by the indicated person upon the exercise of vested options within 60
- (6) days after February 14, 2014: Mr. Wine, 430,000 shares; Mr. Malone, 94,000 shares; Mr. Morgan, 462,500 shares; Ms. Bogart, 27,000 shares; Mr. Williams, 54,000 shares; and all executive officers combined, 1,307,500 shares.
- (7) Includes 20,994 shares which are held in a revocable trust in the name of Mr. Malone's spouse. Includes 6,067 shares held by Mr. Morgan in the Polaris Employee Stock Ownership Plan, over which he holds
- (8) shared voting power, 17,482 shares which are held in a revocable trust in the name of Mr. Morgan's spouse, and 300 shares held by Mr. Morgan's child, as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (9) Includes 2,000 shares which are held in a revocable trust.
  - Represents the number of common stock equivalents credited as of February 14, 2014 to the accounts of each non-employee director and the accompanying dividend equivalent units, as maintained by us under the Polaris
- (10) Industries Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. A director will receive one share of common stock for every common stock equivalent held by that director upon his or her termination of service as a member of the Board or upon a change of control of our Company. The plan is described in this Proxy Statement under the heading "Director Compensation."
  - Represents the number of deferred stock units awarded from May 2007 through April 2013 to each of the non-employee directors under the Polaris Industries Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan and the accompanying
- (11) dividend equivalent units. A director will receive one share of common stock for every deferred stock unit upon his or her termination of service as a director or upon a change in control of our Company. The grant of deferred stock units is described in this Proxy Statement under the heading "Director Compensation."

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

# **Board Leadership Structure**

On January 31, 2013, Mr. Wine became our Chairman and holds the titles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"). The Board believes that the interests of having a unified leadership structure with the positions of Chairman and CEO being held by the same person is currently appropriate for our Company. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that if the CEO is also the Chairman of the Board, the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, who is an independent director, will serve as the Lead Director. Mr. Wiehoff is our Lead Director, and his responsibilities as Lead Director include:

Preside over all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors;

Serve as a liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors;

In consultation with the Chairman, approve:

Key information sent to the Board;

Meeting agendas for the Board; and

Meeting schedules to assure that there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items;

Have the authority to call meetings of the independent directors;

If requested by major shareholders, ensure his/her availability for consultation and direct communication;

Conduct and facilitate annual Board self-evaluation;

Communicate with CEO about strategic business issues and governance process or board relationships; and

Coordinate with the Compensation Committee on CEO evaluation.

The Board believes that its independent Board committees and Lead Director provide appropriate independent Board leadership and oversight.

#### Risk Oversight

Our Audit Committee is primarily responsible for regularly reviewing and discussing with management our major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including management's guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. When the Board deems it appropriate, responsibility of oversight of a specific risk is assigned to another one of the Board's committees.

We engage in an Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") process. The ERM process consists of periodic risk assessments performed by various functional management groups during the year. At least twice a year, executive management presents these assessments to the Audit Committee to ensure that the process is sound and complete, oversight is appropriate, and the risks and risk assessments are thoroughly reviewed. In addition, the Audit Committee reports regularly to the full Board, which also considers our risk profile. While our management is responsible for day-to-day risk management identification and mitigation, the Board, directly and through its committees, oversees the execution of the ERM process. We believe this division of responsibilities is the most effective approach for addressing the risks facing our Company and that our Board leadership structure supports this approach.

# **Board Diversity**

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying individuals who it considers qualified to become Board members. In furtherance of this duty, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee considers, as required by its charter, the Board's overall balance of diversity of perspectives, backgrounds and experiences, although it does not have a formal policy regarding the consideration of diversity of Board members.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee views diversity broadly and evaluates a wide range of criteria as it makes its selections, including functional areas of experience, educational background, employment experience and leadership performance. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee also assesses those intangible factors it deems necessary to develop a heterogeneous and cohesive Board such as integrity, judgment, intelligence, and the willingness and ability of the candidate to devote adequate time to Board duties for a sustained period.

Our Board and each of its committees engage in an annual self-evaluation process. As part of that process, directors provide feedback on whether the Board is meeting its diversity objectives and how the composition of the Board should be altered in order to enhance its value to our Company and shareholders.

#### Corporate Governance Guidelines and Independence

Our Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which may be viewed online on our website at www.polaris.com. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, which adopt the current standards for "independence" established by the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), a majority of the members of the Board must be independent as determined by the Board. In making its determination of independence, among other things, the Board must have determined that the director has no material relationship with the Company either directly or indirectly as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us. The Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Clayton and Messrs. Cornell, Farr, Hendrickson, Kessler, Schreck, Van Dyke and Wiehoff are independent. Mr. Wine, our Chairman and CEO, is the only director who is not independent.

The Board based its independence determinations, in part, upon a review by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board of certain transactions between the Company and companies with which certain of our directors have relationships, each of which was made in the ordinary course of business, at arm's length, at prices and on terms customarily available to unrelated third party vendors or customers generally, in amounts that are not material to our business or the business of such unaffiliated corporation, and in which the director had no direct or indirect personal interest, nor received any personal benefit. Specifically, such transactions reviewed by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board included: (a) ordinary course of business purchases by us from C. H. Robinson Worldwide, where Mr. Wiehoff is, and during fiscal 2013 was, the CEO, in the aggregate amount of approximately \$5,424,468; (b) ordinary course of business purchases by us from Donaldson Company Inc., where Mr. Wiehoff is, and during fiscal 2013 was, a director, in the aggregate amount of approximately \$251,891; (c) ordinary course of business purchases by us from The Valspar Corporation, where Mr. Hendrickson is, and during fiscal 2013 was, an executive officer and Chairman of the Board, in the aggregate amount of approximately \$92,431; and (d) tuition payments by us on behalf of certain employees to Carlson School of Management of the University of Minnesota, where Mr. Van Dyke was, during a portion of fiscal 2013, a member of the Board of Overseers, in the aggregate amount of approximately \$254,466. In all cases, the payments were less than the greater of \$1,000,000 or 2% of the recipients' gross revenues. Accordingly, a majority of our Board is considered to be independent. Additionally, all current members of our Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees are considered to be independent.

#### Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all employees, including our CEO, our Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and all other executive officers, and the Board. A copy of the Polaris Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at www.polaris.com.

#### Hedging and Pledging Policy

We recently adopted a policy that prohibits Directors and executive officers from engaging in hedging transactions with respect to the Company stock. We also recently adopted a policy that permits Directors and executive officers to pledge Company stock as collateral for a loan only if it is pre-approved by the Company's General Counsel or Chief Financial Officer. The Director or executive officer must clearly demonstrate the financial capacity to repay the loan without resorting to the pledged securities.

#### Communications with the Board

Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, a process has been established by which shareholders and other interested parties may communicate with members of the Board. Any shareholder or other interested party who desires to communicate with the Board, individually or as a group, may do so by writing to the intended member or members of the Board, c/o Corporate Secretary, Polaris Industries Inc., 2100 Highway 55, Medina, Minnesota 55340.

All communications received in accordance with these procedures will be reviewed initially by the office of our Corporate Secretary to determine that the communication is a message to one or more of our directors and will be relayed to the

appropriate director or directors unless the Corporate Secretary determines that the communication is an advertisement or other promotional material. The director or directors who receive any such communication will have discretion to determine whether the subject matter of the communication should be brought to the attention of the full Board or one or more of its committees and whether any response to the person sending the communication is appropriate.

#### **Board Meetings**

During 2013, the full Board met four times. Each of the in-person meetings was preceded and/or followed by an executive session of the Board without management in attendance, chaired by Mr. Wiehoff. Each of our directors attended at least 75% percent of the meetings of the Board and any committee on which they served in 2013. The Board also took action in writing four times in 2013. We do not maintain a formal policy regarding the Board's attendance at annual shareholder meetings; however, Board members are expected to regularly attend all Board meetings and meetings of the committees on which they serve as well as the annual shareholder meetings. All then-current members of the Board attended our 2013 Annual Meeting.

#### Committees of the Board and Meetings

The Board has designated four standing committees. The Audit Committee, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Technology Committee each operate under a written charter, which is available on our website at www.polaris.com. The current membership of each committee and its principal functions, as well as the number of times it met during 2013, are described below.

#### **Audit Committee**

Members: William G. Van Dyke, Chair Kevin M. Farr Bernd F. Kessler R.M. (Mark) Schreck John P. Wiehoff

All members of the Audit Committee have been determined to be "independent" and "financially literate" by the Board in accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines, SEC rules and the applicable listing requirements of the NYSE. Additionally, Messrs. Van Dyke, Farr, Kessler and Wiehoff have each been determined by the Board to be an "Audit Committee Financial Expert" as that term has been defined by the SEC. None of the members of the Audit Committee currently serve on the audit committees of more than three public companies.

#### **Functions:**

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities by overseeing our financial reporting and public disclosure activities. The Audit Committee's primary purposes and responsibilities are to:

Assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of (a) the integrity of our financial statements, (b) the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, (c) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (d) the independent auditor's performance, qualifications and independence, and (e) the responsibilities, performance, budget and staffing of our internal audit function;

Prepare the Audit Committee Report that appears later in this Proxy Statement;

Serve as an independent and objective party to oversee our financial reporting process and internal control system; and

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Provide an open avenue of communication among the independent auditor, financial and senior management, the internal auditors and the Board.

The Audit Committee, in its capacity as a committee of the Board, is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any independent registered public accounting firm employed by us (including resolution of any disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work or performing other audit, review or attest services for us, and each such independent registered public accounting firm reports directly to the Audit Committee. This committee met nine times during 2013.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Members: Gary E. Hendrickson, Chair Annette K. Clayton Brian C. Cornell William G. Van Dyke

All members of the Compensation Committee have been determined to be "independent" by the Board in accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines and the applicable listing requirements of the NYSE.

#### **Functions:**

The Compensation Committee's duties and responsibilities include, among other things, the responsibility to:

Assist the Board in establishing a philosophy and policies regarding executive and director compensation;

efficient transfer of his or her responsibilities in the event of his or her sudden incapacitation or departure.

Provide oversight to the administration of our director and executive compensation programs;

Administer our stock option, restricted stock and other equity-based and cash incentive plans;

Review and approve the compensation of directors, executive officers and senior management;

Review and discuss the Compensation Discussion and Analysis that appears later in this Proxy Statement and prepare any report on executive compensation required by the rules and regulations of the SEC or other regulatory body, including the Compensation Committee Report that appears later in this Proxy Statement; and Review the process for managing executive development and succession, assist the Board in management development and succession planning and review with the CEO the confidential written procedure for the timely and

The Compensation Committee has the resources and appropriate authority to discharge its duties and responsibilities, including the authority to retain independent counsel and other independent experts or consultants. The committee has the sole authority to select, retain and terminate a compensation consultant and to approve the consultant's fees and other retention terms. The committee may, in its discretion, delegate all or a portion of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee of the committee. In particular, the committee may delegate the approval of certain transactions to a subcommittee consisting solely of members of the committee who are (i) "Non-Employee Directors" for the purposes of Rule 16b-3 of the Securities Exchange Act, as in effect from time to time, and/or (ii) "outside directors" for the purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 162(m)"), as in effect from time to time.

The Compensation Committee engaged Towers Watson to act as its compensation consultant beginning in May 2013. Prior to May 2013, the Compensation Committee retained The Delves Group ("Delves") as its compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee uses its compensation consultant in an advisory role for various technical, analytical, and plan design issues related to compensation and benefit programs. The compensation consultant does not recommend or determine compensation for any of our executives, which role is reserved to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee provides the material elements of the instructions to the compensation consultant with respect to the performance of its duties under the engagement. For 2013, the Compensation Committee instructed Delves and Towers Watson to (a) collect market information on a variety of executive pay and design issues, including the types and amounts of compensation paid to executives at similarly situated companies; (b) assist in the design and review of programs such as our long-term incentive plan and annual cash incentive plan that affect the compensation of executives and other employees; (c) consult on various technical issues related to compensation and benefits; and (d) review and assist the Compensation Committee in the development of offer letters to our senior executives with our CEO from time to time. When necessary, the compensation consultant works with management to fully understand the details of various compensation programs and the underlying business and human resources issues they address. The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of Delves and Towers

Watson pursuant to the rules of the SEC and concluded no conflict of interest exists that would prevent the independent representation of the Compensation Committee. We did not use Delves for any non-executive compensation consulting in 2013, and used Towers Watson for such consulting in 2013 for which it was paid less than \$20,000.

The Compensation Committee works with our CEO, our President and Chief Operating Officer and our Vice President – Human Resources in determining the base salary and annual and long-term incentive targets and opportunities for our

executive officers, but in each case not including that officer's own compensation arrangements. The Compensation Committee also has the power to delegate the approval of grants of certain stock options and performance-based restricted share awards. The Compensation Committee has delegated to our CEO the approval of the issuance of a limited number of equity awards in connection with the employment of new non-executive employees and the promotion, retention or outstanding achievements of current non-executive employees. The Compensation Committee met five times during 2013 and took action in writing once.

Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

Members:

John P. Wiehoff, Chair Gary E. Hendrickson Bernd F. Kessler R. M. (Mark) Schreck

All members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee have been determined to be "independent" by the Board in accordance with our Corporate Governance Guidelines and the applicable listing requirements of the NYSE, including Mr. Kessler, who joined the Committee in January 2014.

#### **Functions:**

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee provides oversight and guidance to the Board to ensure that the membership, structure, policies and processes of the Board and its committees facilitate the effective exercise of the Board's role in the governance of our Company. The committee reviews and evaluates the policies and practices with respect to the size, composition and functions of the Board, evaluates the qualifications of possible candidates for the Board and recommends the nominees for directors to the Board for approval. The committee will consider individuals recommended by shareholders for nomination as a director, applying the standards described in the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee Charter. The committee also is responsible for recommending to the Board any revisions to our Corporate Governance Guidelines. This committee met five times during 2013.

#### **Technology Committee**

Members:

R. M. (Mark) Schreck, Chair Annette K. Clayton Brian C. Cornell Kevin M. Farr Bernd F. Kessler Scott W. Wine

#### **Functions:**

The Technology Committee provides oversight of our product plans, technology development and related business processes. The committee reviews (a) product and technology development plans to ensure the continuous flow of innovative, differentiated, leadership products in the markets we currently serve; (b) plans for growth through new products serving adjacent markets; (c) new technology development and plans for insertion of new technology into the long-range product plan; (d) major competitive moves and our response plan; (e) the adequacy of the processes, tools, facilities and technology leadership of our product and technology development; (f) the costs, benefits and risks associated with major product development programs and related facility investments; (g) plans to address changing regulatory requirements; (h) strategic sourcing plans for products and technology; and (i) quality initiatives to ensure that the quality of our products meets or exceeds customer expectations. This committee met two times during 2013.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

During 2013, we did not engage in any transactions with related persons that are required to be described in this Proxy Statement pursuant to applicable SEC regulations, other than our ordinary course of business with Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. ("Fuji"), which previously owned approximately 5.8% of our Common Stock. During 2013, we purchased approximately \$61,744,085 of engines for our products from Fuji. Sales to our Company represented less than 1% of Fuji's total sales and we believe the transactions reflect market terms and were negotiated at arm's length. Our transactions with

Fuji have been approved in accordance with our Related-Person Transaction Policy, which is described below. On November 12, 2013, we repurchased all of the shares of our common stock owned by Fuji, at which time Fuji ceased to be a related party.

Our written Related-Person Transactions Policy, which is applicable to all of our directors, nominees for directors, executive officers and 5% shareholders and their respective immediate family members, prohibits "related-person transactions" unless approved or ratified by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

Matters considered to be a related-person transaction subject to the policy include any transaction in which we are directly or indirectly a participant and the amount involved exceeds or reasonably can be expected to exceed \$120,000, and in which a director, nominee for director, executive officer or 5% shareholder, or any of their respective family members, has or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Any potential related-person transaction that is raised will be analyzed by the General Counsel, in consultation with management and with outside counsel, as appropriate, to determine whether the transaction or relationship constitutes a related-person transaction requiring compliance with the policy. The potential related-person transaction and the General Counsel's conclusion and the analysis thereof are also to be reported to the chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee shall review the material facts of all related-person transactions that require the committee's approval and either approve or disapprove of the related person transaction. If advance committee approval of a related-person transaction is not feasible, then the related-person transaction shall be considered and, if the committee determines it to be appropriate, ratified at the committee's next regularly scheduled meeting. Any related-person transaction that is not approved or ratified, as the case may be, shall be voided, terminated or amended, or such other actions shall be taken, in each case as determined by the committee, so as to avoid or otherwise address any resulting conflict of interest.

## Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

All current members of the Compensation Committee are considered independent under our Corporate Governance Guidelines. During fiscal year 2013, none of our executive officers served on the compensation committee (or its equivalent) or board of directors of another entity whose executive officers served on our Compensation Committee or Board.

# Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes of ownership of our common stock with the SEC. Executive officers and directors are required to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) reports that they file. To our knowledge, based solely upon a review of the reports filed by the executive officers and directors during 2013 and written representations that no other reports were required, we believe that, during the year ended December 31, 2013, all filing requirements applicable to our directors, executive officers and 10% beneficial owners, if any, were complied with on a timely basis, except that we failed to timely file a Form 4 to report (i) the payment of a tax liability by withholding common stock incident to the vesting of restricted stock by Stacy Bogart on March 29, 2013 and (ii) the payment of a tax liability by withholding common stock incident to the vesting of restricted stock by Suresh Krishna on March 29, 2013.

# PROPOSAL 1 — ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### **General Information**

The Board is divided into three classes. The members of one class are elected at each annual meeting of shareholders to serve three-year terms. The Class II directors currently serving on the Board, whose terms expire at the 2014 Annual Meeting, are Mr. Gary E. Hendrickson, Mr. R.M. (Mark) Schreck and Mr. William G. Van Dyke. In addition, the Board appointed Kevin M. Farr to the Board as a Class III director with his initial term expiring at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board, the Board proposes that Kevin M. Farr be elected as a Class III director for a one-year term expiring in 2015, and the following nominees be elected as Class II directors for three-year terms expiring in 2017:

Gary E. Hendrickson R.M. (Mark) Schreck William G. Van Dyke

Each of the nominees currently serves as a member of the Board. The persons named in the proxy intend to vote your proxy for the election of each of the four nominees, unless you indicate on the proxy that your vote should be withheld from any or all of the nominees. If you are voting by telephone or on the Internet, you will be told how to withhold your vote from some or all of the nominees. Each nominee elected as a director will continue in office until his or her successor has been elected, or until his or her death, resignation or retirement.

We expect each nominee standing for election as a director to be able to serve if elected. If any nominee is not able to serve, proxies will be voted in favor of the remainder of those nominated and may be voted for substitute nominees designated by the Board, unless an instruction to the contrary is indicated on the proxy. There are no family relationships between or among any of our executive officers, directors or director nominees.

The Board, upon recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, unanimously recommends a vote FOR the election of these nominees as directors.

#### **Information Concerning Nominees and Directors**

Our directors bring a broad range of leadership and experience to the boardroom and regularly contribute to the dialogue involved in effectively overseeing and guiding our business and affairs. Other than our CEO, all of the members of the Board are independent. Though the members of the Board have been selected to provide a wide range of viewpoints, the atmosphere of our Board is collegial. Preparation, engagement and participation are expected from our directors. We insist on high personal and professional ethics, integrity and values. All of our current directors and the director nominees satisfy such requirements. The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are observed by all directors. With a diverse mix of experience, backgrounds and skill sets, the Board believes it is well positioned to represent the best interests of the shareholders. The principal occupation, specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills and certain other information about the nominees and other directors whose terms of office continue after the Annual Meeting are set forth on the following pages.

In October 2013, Kevin M. Farr was elected as a Class III member of the Board of Directors, with his initial term expiring at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee led the process for selecting Mr. Farr and recommending him to the Board. Based upon the composition and qualifications of the current Board members, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee focused on individuals who (i) have been a CFO or CEO with a financial background, (ii) have the ability to serve as a leader on the Audit Committee, and (iii) have experience with global operations, mergers and acquisitions, and diverse business lines.

An independent search firm assisted the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee with its director search and recommended candidates who satisfied the Board's criteria. Mr. Farr was identified as a candidate by the search firm and was subsequently interviewed by the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and certain other Board members, including our CEO.

If a shareholder wishes to have the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee consider a candidate for nomination as a director, the shareholder's notice must include the information specified in our bylaws, including the shareholder's name and address, the information required to be disclosed by the SEC's proxy rules, a written consent of the candidate to be named in the proxy statement and to serve as a director if elected, specified information regarding the shareholder's interests in our capital stock, and the representations specified in our bylaws. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will evaluate recommended nominees based on the factors identified in the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee Charter, a copy of which is available on our website at www.polaris.com. Alternatively, shareholders may directly nominate a person for election to our Board by complying with the procedures set forth in our bylaws, any applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and any applicable laws.

Director Nominee — Class III (Term Ending 2015)

Kevin M. Farr

Director since 2013

Mr. Farr, 56, has been the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Mattel, Inc., a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of toys and family products, since February 2000, where he is responsible for the Mattel's worldwide financial operations, as well as strategic planning; corporate development, including mergers and acquisitions; information technology; corporate communications; and government affairs. Prior to being named CFO in 2000, Mr. Farr served as Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller from September 1996 to February 2000. From 1991 to 1996, he served in various roles in Tax, including Vice President, Tax from 1993 to 1996. He joined Mattel in 1991 as Director of Taxes. Prior to Mattel, Mr. Farr spent 10 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He serves on the Corporate Advisory Board of the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. He previously served on the Beckman Coulter Board from 2004 to 2011. With many years of experience in executive leadership roles, Mr. Farr brings to the Board expertise in financial operations, business development and corporate

strategy. As a past director for a public company, Mr. Farr also provides significant board experience. Mr. Farr is a member of our Audit Committee and our Technology Committee.

Director Nominees — Class II (Term Ending 2017)

Gary E. Hendrickson

Director since 2011

Mr. Hendrickson, 57, has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Valspar Corporation, a global paints and coatings manufacturer, since June 2011 and was its President and Chief Operating Officer from February 2008 to June 2011. From 2005 to February 2008, Mr. Hendrickson served as the Senior Vice President responsible for several significant business divisions and President, Asia Pacific of The Valspar Corporation and was the Group Vice President, Global Wood Coatings and President, Asia Pacific of The Valspar Corporation from 2004 to 2005. Prior to that, he served as Corporate Vice President and President, Asia Pacific of The Valspar Corporation from 2001 to 2004. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of The Valspar Corporation since 2009, and was named Chairman of the Board in 2012. Mr. Hendrickson serves as the Chair of our Compensation Committee and is also a member of our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. Mr. Hendrickson's experience as president and chief executive officer of a global company provides expertise in corporate leadership and development and execution of business growth strategy. Mr. Hendrickson also brings to the Board significant global experience and knowledge of competitive strategy and international competition. As a past director for other public companies, Mr. Hendrickson also provides significant board experience.

#### R. M. (Mark) Schreck

Director since 2000

Mr. Schreck, 69, is a licensed professional engineer and retired Vice President, Technology, General Electric Company. He is currently an academic program director at the University of Louisville Speed School of Engineering and consults through his business, RMS Engineering, LLC. Mr. Schreck also serves as a director of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, a private, nonprofit organization. Mr. Schreck serves as the Chair of our Technology Committee and is also a member of our Audit Committee and our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. He has over 35 years of experience in engineering and product development as well as in large scale manufacturing processes. He also brings knowledge of the latest practices in technology and innovation to our boardroom. Mr. Schreck's expertise in consumer durables design and manufacturing makes him a key contributor to our Board in the product area and as the Chair of the Technology Committee.

#### William G. Van Dyke

Director since 2006

Mr. Van Dyke, 68, was the Chairman of the Board of Donaldson Company, Inc., a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems and replacement parts, from August 2004 until his retirement in 2005. He was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Donaldson Company from 1996 to August 2004 and held various financial and management positions with that company from 1974 to 1996. Mr. Van Dyke also serves as a director of Graco Inc. He is a former director of Black Hills Corp. and Alliant Techsystems Inc. Mr. Van Dyke serves as the Chair of our Audit Committee and is also a member of our Compensation Committee. Mr. Van Dyke brings many years of board and management experience to the Board. He is also an Audit Committee financial expert and an effective leader of the Audit Committee. By previously serving as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Donaldson and serving on the Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance Committees of other companies, Mr. Van Dyke gained valuable experience dealing with accounting principles, financial reporting rules and regulations, evaluating financial results and generally overseeing the financial reporting process of a large corporation. He also brings significant understanding of risk management, complex succession plans, and innovative cost effective compensation models.

Directors Continuing in Office — Class III (Term Ending 2015)

Annette K. Clayton

Director since 2003

Ms. Clayton, 50, has been the Chief Supply Chain Officer for Schneider Electric since May 2011, where she leads a 12 billion euro global supply chain operation comprised of 80,000 employees, more than 250 manufacturing factories and over 100 distribution centers. She oversees Customer Satisfaction & Quality, and Safety, Environment and Real Estate, and is a member of the Executive Committee. From 2006 to 2011, Ms. Clayton led Dell Inc.'s supply chain transformation and oversaw the global manufacturing and fulfillment operations. She was responsible for the commercial order management and customer care operations in sixteen countries. From 1983 to 2006, she worked for General Motors Corporation in senior management positions in engineering and production, including President, Saturn Corporation, as a member of the North American Strategy Board, and Vice President, Quality. As President of Saturn Corporation, Ms. Clayton gained experience leading a large corporation, which included overseeing strategic direction and financial accountability as well as profit and loss responsibility. With many years of experience running large scale supply chain manufacturing companies with global presence, Ms. Clayton brings to the Board expertise in supply chain, supply chain strategy, global expansion and various channel expansions, including the consumer durables area. Ms. Clayton also has many years of experience in engineering, production and manufacturing. Ms. Clayton is a member of our Compensation Committee and our Technology Committee.

John W. Wiehoff

Director since 2007

Mr. Wiehoff, 52, has been Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of C.H. Robinson Worldwide since 2007 and Chief Executive Officer of that company since May 2002, following a three-year succession process during which he was named President in 1999. He has been a member of the C.H. Robinson Board of Directors since December 2001. He was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from June 1998 to December 1999. Previous positions with C.H. Robinson include Treasurer and Corporate Controller. Prior to joining C.H. Robinson in 1992, he was employed by Arthur Andersen LLP. Mr. Wiehoff also serves on the Board of Directors of Donaldson Company, Inc. Mr. Wiehoff is our Lead Director, is a member of our Audit Committee and serves as the Chair of our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. Mr. Wiehoff is an experienced financial leader with skills necessary to serve on our Audit Committee. His previous position as Chief Financial Officer of C.H. Robinson and employment at Arthur Andersen make him a valuable asset on our Board of Directors, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and Audit Committee, and his exposure to complex financial issues with large corporations makes him a skilled advisor. His expertise as a chief executive officer and expertise in logistics adds significant value to the Board.

Directors Continuing in Office — Class I (Term Ending 2016)

Brian C. Cornell

Director since 2012

Mr. Cornell, 53, has been the Chief Executive Officer of Pepsico Americas Foods at Pepsico, Inc., since March 2012. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Sam's Club (now Sam's West, Inc.) and Executive Vice President of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. from April 2009 to January 2012. From June 2007 to April 2009, Mr. Cornell served as the Chief Executive Officer of Michaels Stores Inc. He served as the Chief Marketing Officer and Executive Vice President of Safeway Inc. from April 2004 to June 2007 and was responsible for its merchandising, marketing, manufacturing, supply chain and on-line business. Mr. Cornell is a former Director at Centerplate, Inc., OfficeMax Inc., Kirin-Tropicana Inc., and The Home Depot, Inc. He also serves on the Board of Visitors for the U.C.L.A. Anderson School of Management, the YMCA of Greater New York and the Grocery Manufacturers Association. Mr. Cornell serves on our Compensation Committee and Technology Committee. Mr. Cornell's experience as Chief Executive Officer provides expertise in corporate leadership as well as significant experience in consumer products marketing and general management. Mr. Cornell also provides significant board experience as a director for other public companies.

#### Bernd F. Kessler

Director since 2010

Mr. Kessler, 55, was the Chief Executive Officer of SRTechnics AG from January 2008 through January 2010. SRTechnics is a privately-held aircraft, component and engine service provider with facilities located in Switzerland, Ireland, Great Britain, France, Spain, Malta and China. From September 2004 through October 2007, Mr. Kessler was the President and Chief Executive Officer of MTU Aero Engines AG, in Munich, Germany, an aero engine design, development, manufacturing and service company, where he was instrumental in preparing the company for a successful initial public offering on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. Prior to September 2004, Mr. Kessler held management and executive positions for 20 years at Honeywell International and its preceding company AlliedSignal Corp. Among other roles, he led Honeywell's Aerospace aftermarket services business with 27 facilities around the world. Mr. Kessler also serves on the Board of JorAMCo Ltd. in Amman, Jordan, Flowcastings GmbH in Trebur, Germany and Zitec GMBH in Plettling, Germany. Mr. Kessler is a member of our Audit Committee, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, and our Technology Committee. Mr. Kessler is based in Europe and has extensive experience in international management and mergers and acquisitions. Through his employment at Honeywell International, Mr. Kessler obtained skills in talent and organization development, engineering and operations management and the ability to build strong and lasting customer relationships. He is recognized as an industry leader in the global aerospace and defense markets, which will be helpful as we strive to grow our military and international business. His experience in operations, service and global business are expected to be a key asset to us as we continue to increase our sales globally and strive to increase operational efficiency.

Scott W. Wine

Director since 2008

Mr. Wine, 46, has been the Chief Executive Officer of Polaris since September 1, 2008, and was appointed as a member of our Board of Directors on October 23, 2008. He was elected Chairman of the Board on January 31, 2013. Prior to joining Polaris, Mr. Wine served for sixteen months as President of Fire Safety Americas, the Fire & Security Division of United Technologies Corporation, and prior to that time, held senior leadership positions at Danaher Corp. from 2003 to 2007, serving as President of its Jacob Vehicle Systems and Veeder-Root subsidiaries. Mr. Wine served as a Supply Officer in the U.S. Navy for seven

years, and then held a number of operations and executive positions, both international and domestic, with AlliedSignal Corp.'s Aerospace Division, which became Honeywell International after a 1999 merger with Honeywell, Inc. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Terex Corporation and the Greater Twin Cities United Way, and is a member of our Technology Committee. As a proven leader with considerable experience across a variety of industries and three respected international companies, Mr. Wine has a track record of producing outstanding results. He also brings to the Board extensive expertise in mergers and acquisitions in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Mr. Wine's knowledge of all aspects of the Company's business as its CEO, combined with his drive for innovation and excellence, position him well to serve as Chairman of the Board and a Board member. Mr. Wine plays a key role in facilitating the communication and the flow of information between management and the directors on a regular basis.

### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discussion and analysis describes our compensation objectives and policies and the compensation awarded to the following executive officers (the "Named Executive Officers") during 2013:

Scott W. Wine, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO");

• Michael W. Malone, Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO");

Bennett J. Morgan, President and Chief Operating Officer ("COO");

Stacy L. Bogart, Vice President – General Counsel and Secretary ("VP-GC"); and

James P. Williams, Vice President – Human Resources ("VP-HR").

#### **Executive Summary**

In determining compensation for 2013, the Compensation Committee considered the economic outlook at the beginning of 2013 coupled with our compensation philosophy of paying for superior performance. In approving compensation payments and awards based on our actual 2013 financial and operating performance, the Compensation Committee took into account a number of key business results, including the following:

For the fourth consecutive year, we achieved record sales, with 2013 sales of \$3,777.1 million representing an 18% increase over 2012.

Net income from continuing operations per diluted share increased to a record amount for the fourth consecutive year, from \$4.40 to \$5.40, a 23% increase over 2012.

Net income from continuing operations increased to a record amount for the fourth consecutive year, from \$312.3 million to \$381.1 million, or 22% over 2012.

Our operating income as a percentage of sales increased from 14.9% to 15.3% in 2013.

Our stock price closed 2013 at \$145.64, an increase of 73% over the 2012 closing price of \$84.15.

Additionally, because significant components of our executive compensation program are linked to the performance of our common stock, our total shareholder return played a considerable role in determining compensation payouts for 2013. This is reflected in the following chart, which compares our annualized total shareholder return to that of the members of our 2013 Peer Group listed on page 23:

	Annualized Total Shareholder Return <sup>(1)</sup>			
Percentile	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	
25th Percentile(2)	34%	13%	22%	
Median <sup>(2)</sup>	50%	26%	28%	
75th Percentile <sup>(2)</sup>	59%	30%	37%	
Polaris Industries	76%	58%	63%	
Polaris Percentile	99%	Highest	98%	

<sup>1-</sup>Year, 3-Year and 5-Year Total Shareholder Return are annualized total shareholder rates of return reflecting the stock price appreciation plus reinvestment of dividends, as of December 31, 2013.

The Compensation Committee intends that our executive compensation program be market competitive, fairly reflect our performance over time and align the interests of our executive officers with the interests of our shareholders. Consistent with these principles, the Compensation Committee generally sets base salaries for our executive officers

<sup>(2)</sup> These percentiles represent Total Shareholder Return of the members of our 2013 Peer Group.

at the market median, adjusted for various factors described below, and generally sets the target level of annual and long-term incentive compensation between the market median and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for each component, with the specific target level determined

in part based on a review of our performance over the previous year. To assist in determining appropriate target levels, the Compensation Committee reviews year over year financial performance metrics of our peer group, such as: revenue, net income, net profit margin, return on equity, return on assets, return on invested capital, and total shareholder return. The incentive compensation amount actually paid upon the completion of a performance period may be higher or lower than the target amount based on actual performance of the Company and the individual over the specified performance period.

Based upon its assessment of our overall strong growth and financial performance, combined with a review of the economic environment, competitive trends, our internal operating plans and internal pay equity considerations, the Compensation Committee made the following decisions regarding compensation for our Named Executive Officers:

Mr. Wine received a 3.8% increase in his annual base salary in 2013 to \$950,000, to bring his base salary near the market median and to reward him once again for our exceptional performance during 2012. Messrs. Malone and Morgan, Ms. Bogart, and Mr. Williams received 5.9%, 9.5%, 7.4% and 4.4% base salary increases, respectively, generally to maintain their base salary positions with respect to the market median and also to reward them for their contributions and exceptional performance during 2012.

Annual cash incentives to the Named Executive Officers under our Senior Executive Annual Incentive Compensation Plan (the "Senior Executive Plan") for 2013 paid above the target amount under the plan as adjusted net income per diluted share exceeded target by approximately 7%.

Long-term cash incentives to the Named Executive Officers under our Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") for the 2011-2013 performance period paid out at the maximum level for the third consecutive year. In addition, each Named Executive Officer had elected to tie the amount of his payout under the LTIP to the performance of our stock price over the three year performance period, during which our share price increased 270% from \$39.325 to \$145.64 (or 231% for Mr. Williams based on \$44.00 stock price on the measurement date for his award).

We granted performance restricted stock unit awards to our Named Executive Officers in 2013 similar in structure to the 2012 awards. The number of units that will vest and be paid out in shares of common stock will be determined by the degree to which the Company satisfies specified performance goals over a three-year (2013-2015) performance period.

We granted annual stock option awards to the Named Executive Officers as a group consistent with our past practice, taking into consideration our exceptional performance in recent years.

In deciding to structure our executive compensation program for 2014 and 2013 in a manner similar to that utilized during 2012, 2011 and 2010, our Compensation Committee took into account the fact that the holders of over 98% of the shares voted at our 2013, 2012 and 2011 Annual Meetings of shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement for each of those Annual Meetings. During these years, our compensation philosophy has remained consistent and the design of our compensation programs has not changed in any significant manner.

### Objectives of Polaris' Compensation Program

Our executive compensation philosophy aligns executive compensation decisions with our desired business direction, strategy and performance. The primary objectives and priorities of the compensation program for our Named Executive Officers are the following:

Pay for Performance: Emphasize variable compensation that is tied to our financial and stock price performance in an effort to generate and reward superior individual and collective performance;

Shareholder Alignment: Link executives' incentive goals with the interests of our shareholders, provide equity-based forms of compensation and establish specific stock ownership guidelines for employees in key management positions throughout our Company;

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Long-Term Success: Support and reward executives for consistent performance over time and achievement of our long-term strategic goals; and

Retention: Attract and retain highly qualified executives whose abilities are critical to our success and competitive advantage.

To achieve these objectives, we have designed an executive compensation program that is significantly weighted towards long-term goals. This approach aids us in the retention of executive officers and assures that the interests of our executive officers and shareholders are aligned. Although the program emphasizes performance-based and equity-based compensation as a percentage of total direct compensation (base salary and annual and long-term incentives), we do not, however, have specific policies governing the allocation of the total direct compensation opportunity among its various components. The following table illustrates the percentage of total direct compensation opportunity for each Named Executive Officer for 2013 represented by each compensation component:

2013 Compensation Allocation Relative to Total Direct Compensation

Name	Base Salary	Annual Senior Executive Plan (%)	Target Performance Restricted Stock Units (%)	Grant Date Fair Value – Stock Options (%)
Name				
Scott W. Wine	11	17	14	58
Michael W. Malone	21	20	16	43
Bennett J. Morgan	16	19	15	50
Stacy L. Bogart	23	21	18	38
James P. Williams	23	21	17	39

### **Executive Compensation Program Components**

The components of our Named Executive Officers' compensation are summarized below. All of the components, individually and collectively, are provided for the general purpose of providing a competitive compensation program that will enable us to meet our objective of attracting and retaining highly qualified executives. The more specific reasons for providing each component and each component's key features are summarized below.

### **Base Salary**

Purpose:

Provide a fixed level of compensation on which executive officers can rely

### **Key Features:**

Salary levels set based on an assessment of:

Level of responsibility

Experience and time in position

Individual performance

Future potential

Salary level relative to market median

Internal pay equity considerations

Salary levels are reviewed annually by the Compensation Committee and adjusted as appropriate

#### Annual Cash Incentive

Purpose:

Provide explicit incentives to achieve or exceed annual budgeted earnings per share objectives

Link pay to performance

Align performance objectives with interests of our shareholders

#### **Key Features:**

Target incentive opportunity expressed as a percentage of executive officer's base salary, based on responsibilities of position, expected level of contribution and consideration of market data

Maximum potential payouts established for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section  $^{\bullet}$ 162(m)") based on attainment of specified levels of financial performance

Actual payouts may be less than or equal to maximum potential payouts based on degree to which financial

performance objectives are achieved and on consideration of other Company, business unit and individual performance factors, and are determined by the Compensation Committee

Long-Term Incentives (Cash, Stock Options, Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock)

Purpose:

Provide executive officers with incentives to achieve multi-year financial and operational objectives

Link pay to financial, operational and stock price performance

Align executive officers' interests with the interests of our shareholders

Attract and retain highly qualified executive officers

### **Key Features:**

Equity and cash-based performance awards vest and pay out based on the degree to which specified financial objectives are attained over a three-year performance period

Target incentive opportunity expressed as a percentage of executive officer's base salary, based on responsibilities of position, expected level of contribution and consideration of market data

Prior to 2012, executive officers could elect to tie cash incentive payout amounts to stock price performance over the three-year performance period

Stock options provide value to executive officers only if stock price increases over the stock option term, generally ten years

Restricted stock vests upon attainment of specified multi-year financial objectives and/or completion of a specified period of employment

All grants are approved by the Compensation Committee

Actual payouts are determined by the Compensation Committee

### Benefits and Perquisites

Purpose:

Provide an overall compensation package that is competitive with those offered by companies with whom we compete for executive talent

Provide a level of retirement income and promote retirement savings in a tax-efficient manner

#### **Key Features:**

Participation in 401(k) plan and health and welfare plans on same terms as employees generally

Executive officers may participate in a non-qualified supplemental retirement savings plan and will receive an employer match up to 5% on base salary and Senior Executive Plan deferral contributions when their 401(k) participation has been limited by IRS annual contribution rules

Perquisites described on page 30

Post-Employment Compensation (Severance and Change in Control Arrangements)

Purpose:

Attract and retain highly qualified executives

Enable executive officers to evaluate potential transactions focused on shareholder interests

Provide continuity of management

Provide a bridge to next professional opportunity in the event of an involuntary termination

#### **Key Features:**

Double-trigger change in control severance arrangements

Single-trigger accelerated vesting of equity awards upon change in control

Severance for termination by the Company without cause (or for good reason by CEO) Non-compete and non-solicitation restrictions following termination of employment

**Determining Executive Compensation** 

The Process Followed by the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for the review and approval of all aspects of our executive compensation program, and the Board has an opportunity to provide input to the Compensation Committee on the CEO's compensation. The Compensation Committee meets in January or February of each year to: (i) establish the annual base salary and annual incentive compensation opportunity for each of the executive officers for the current year; (ii) determine the actual annual incentive compensation to be paid to each executive officer for services provided during the prior year; (iii) establish plan targets and performance measures for the three-year performance period beginning on January 1 of the current year for long-term incentive awards; (iv) determine the payout, if any, to be made under the long-term incentive program three-year performance period ended on the immediately preceding December 31st; and (v) determine stock option awards and any other equity-based awards to be granted to executive officers.

When making individual compensation decisions for the executive officers, the Compensation Committee takes many factors into account. These factors include subjective and objective considerations of each individual's skills, performance and level of contribution towards desired business objectives, our overall performance, retention concerns, the individual's tenure and experience with our Company and in his or her current position, the recommendations of management, the individual's current and historical compensation, the Compensation Committee's compensation philosophy, and comparisons to other comparably situated executive officers (both those of the Company and those of the peer group companies). The Compensation Committee's process utilizes input, analysis and review from a number of sources, including our management, other independent directors of the Board, the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant, and market studies and other comparative compensation information as discussed below.

The Compensation Committee uses this information in conjunction with its own review of the various components of our executive compensation program to determine the base salary and annual and long-term incentive targets and opportunities of the executive officers as a group and individually.

Role of Executive Officers in Determining Compensation

The Compensation Committee meets with our CEO annually to review the performance of our other executive officers. The meeting includes an in-depth review of each executive officer, achievement of individual performance objectives established at the beginning of the year and individual contributions towards achievement of our business goals. A summary of the performance review is presented to the full Board each year.

The Compensation Committee considers input from our CEO, COO, CFO, and VP–HR when developing and selecting metrics and performance objectives for our Senior Executive Plan and long-term incentive program, and evaluating performance against such pre-established metrics and objectives. The Compensation Committee also receives recommendations from our CEO, with the assistance of our VP–HR (for executive officers other than himself), regarding base salary amounts, annual and long-term incentive award amounts and equity-based incentive awards for our other executive officers. In determining the CEO's compensation, the Compensation Committee considers comparative compensation information and input from its independent compensation consultant and our VP–HR.

Role of the Compensation Consultant

In May 2013, the Compensation Committee retained Towers Watson as its independent compensation consultant. Prior to May 2013, the Compensation Committee had retained Delves as its compensation consultant. The role of the compensation consultants is to provide the Compensation Committee with an annual compensation market analysis

for the executive officers and directors; make recommendations on the executive pay programs; review, participate and comment on executive and board compensation matters; and provide updates on regulatory changes in compensation related issues and other developments and trends in executive compensation.

# Market Competitiveness Review

The Compensation Committee annually reviews competitive executive compensation data based upon a report compiled by the compensation consultant. The Delves report utilized in connection with 2013 compensation included compensation data from the Towers Watson 2012 General Industry Executive Compensation Database and a peer group of 24 companies

(the "2012 Peer Group") to serve as a basis for 2013 compensation decisions. The companies that comprise the 2012 Peer Group reflect Polaris' continued substantial growth in sales and business complexity, and reported fiscal 2012 revenue ranging from \$0.6 billion to \$7.6 billion. Our annual sales approximated the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile and our market capitalization on December 31, 2012 approximated the 79<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 2012 Peer Group companies. The companies comprising the 2012 Peer Group used to establish the 2013 compensation opportunities of the executive officers are listed below:

Terex Corporation The Valspar Corporation Gardner Denver, Inc.

Borg Warner, Inc. Leggett & Platt, Inc. Briggs & Stratton Corporation

Mattel, Inc.

Brunswick Corporation

The Toro Company

Harley-Davidson, Inc.

Pentair, Ltd.

IDEX Corporation

The Timken Company

Thor Industries, Inc.

H.B. Fuller Company

Flowserve Corporation

Regal-Beloit Corporation

SPX Corporation

Snap-On, Inc.

Columbia Sportswear Co.

Hasbro Inc. Donaldson Company, Inc. Arctic Cat, Inc.

The compensation consultant and the Compensation Committee periodically review and update the peer group. In July 2013, the peer group was revised to include companies that have similar financial characteristics, business complexity and emphasis on international growth as Polaris. Both management and the Compensation Committee believe that the revised peer group of 24 companies (the "2013 Peer Group") continues to provide a robust statistical set of compensation data to serve as a basis for 2014 compensation decisions. In connection with compensation decisions made in 2014, Towers Watson utilized compensation data from the Towers Watson 2013 General Industry Executive Compensation Database and our 2013 Peer Group companies. Fiscal 2013 revenue for the revised peer group ranges from \$0.6 billion to \$7.3 billion. Our annual sales approximate the 48th percentile and our market capitalization on December 31, 2013 approximates the 79th percentile of the 2013 Peer Group companies. The companies comprising the 2013 Peer Group used to establish the 2014 compensation opportunities of the executive officers are listed below:

Terex Corporation Pentair, Ltd. Pall Corporation Borg Warner, Inc. Hasbro Inc. Kennametal Inc.

Jarden Corporation The Valspar Corporation Donaldson Company, Inc. Mattel, Inc. **Brunswick Corporation** Gardner Denver, Inc. Harley-Davidson, Inc. Thor Industries, Inc. The Toro Company **SPX** Corporation **IDEX Corporation** Regal-Beloit Corporation The Timken Company Snap-On, Inc. H.B. Fuller Company Flowserve Corporation Leggett & Platt, Incorporated Arctic Cat, Inc.

The reports furnished by compensation consultants provide the Compensation Committee with market information at the median and 75th percentiles for each executive officer position and pay component, and for total direct compensation, and compares the actual and target compensation provided and intended to be provided to each executive officer to the market amounts, which reflect an averaging of the peer group data and the data contained in the surveys utilized. This market information is an important element reviewed by the Compensation Committee, which generally intends to target base salaries for our executive officers at the market median for comparable positions as set forth in the report. However, for an executive officer who is new in his or her position and job-level, the Compensation Committee's philosophy is to set a base salary below the market median, and to approximate it to the median over an appropriate period of time, assuming performance warrants such increases. The elements of annual and long-term incentive opportunities of total direct compensation are generally set between the market median and 75th percentile for each component, with the specific target level determined in part based on a review of our performance over the previous year. The Compensation Committee can and does, however, use discretion to adjust a component of pay, or total direct compensation generally, above or below these ranges to recognize the specific circumstances of individual executive officers.

# 2013 Base Salaries

The Summary Compensation Table on page 33 sets forth the actual base salary earned by each of our Named Executive Officers during 2013. Base salary increases went into effect on April 1 for all employees, including the Named Executive Officers.

The following table summarizes their annualized base salaries as established by the Compensation Committee in January 2013, and the percentage change from their previous base salary levels.

Name	Annualized Base Salary 2013 (\$)	Percentage Increase (%)
Scott W. Wine	950,000	3.8
Michael W. Malone	450,000	5.9
Bennett J. Morgan	575,000	9.5
Stacy L. Bogart	376,000	7.4
James P. Williams	355,000	4.4

The base salary increases for Messrs. Wine, Malone, Morgan and Ms. Bogart bring their respective base salaries closer to the market median and were intended to reward them for their role in our performance during 2012. Mr. Williams' base salary is slightly above the market median commensurate with his experience.

### 2013 Annual Incentive Compensation

Our Named Executive Officers and other members of senior management selected by the Compensation Committee are eligible to earn annual cash incentive compensation under our Senior Executive Plan, rather than under our broad-based annual profit sharing plan. Cash incentives to participants in the Senior Executive Plan are payable only if and to the degree we achieve an annual financial performance objective determined by the Compensation Committee.

The Senior Executive Plan for 2013 has been structured in a manner similar to that in place for 2012. As in previous years, the Compensation Committee selected earnings from continuing operations per diluted share as the performance metric to be used for purposes of the Senior Executive Plan because: (i) it is a well-understood financial measure that is communicated in the public disclosure of our financial results; (ii) it is the same metric used for purposes of determining payouts under our broad-based annual profit sharing plan; and (iii) the Compensation Committee believes that this financial measure significantly influences our stock price performance and its use effectively aligns the interests of executive officers and shareholders.

Cash incentives to our Named Executive Officers under the Senior Executive Plan are intended to be qualified performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m). For that purpose, the Compensation Committee establishes a formula to determine the maximum amount that may be paid under the Senior Executive Plan to each of our Named Executive Officers. For 2013, the maximum Section 162(m) payout established for Mr. Wine was equal to 250% of base salary and for each of the other Named Executive Officers was equal to 200% of base salary, and was payable if adjusted earnings from continuing operations per diluted share for 2013 equaled or exceeded the threshold amount of \$4.07.

The Compensation Committee has the discretion to pay incentive amounts to the Named Executive Officers under the Senior Executive Plan that are less than the maximum Section 162(m) payouts, and typically expects to exercise that discretion. In determining whether and to what degree to exercise its discretion to approve payments that are less than the maximum Section 162(m) payouts that could be made, the Compensation Committee gives primary consideration to the annual incentive amount that would be payable to the Named Executive Officers based on the application of a performance matrix described below that is utilized to determine payouts to Senior Executive Plan participants other than the Named Executive Officers and to provide guidance regarding payouts to the Named Executive Officers. The Compensation Committee may also consider factors such as: (i) corporate performance against specific strategic priorities established for the year; (ii) corporate performance relative to competitors; (iii) performance of the business unit or department for which the executive is responsible or to which the executive is assigned; and (iv) individual

achievement of pre-established objectives and contributions to strengthening our business.

The performance matrix utilized by the Compensation Committee for purposes of the Senior Executive Plan for the 2013 performance period established suggested payout amounts for the Named Executive Officers (expressed as a percentage of base salary for the year in which performance occurs) that correspond to various levels of adjusted earnings from continuing operations per diluted share that we might achieve during the annual performance period. In determining the Company's 2013 performance for purposes of the performance matrix, the Compensation Committee adjusted for certain unusual events (such as acquisitions, dispositions, restructurings, and legal settlements) which resulted in adjusted earnings from continuing

operations per diluted share of \$5.45 as compared to \$5.40 if applying GAAP standards. The following table summarizes the suggested payouts for our Named Executive Officers under the performance matrix for 2013: Plan Design Performance Matrix

Recommended Payouts

(as a % of base salary)

Earnings from Continuing Operations per Diluted Share	Mr. Wine (%)	Mr. Morgan	Messrs. Malone and Williams and Ms. Bogart(%)
40% or more above target (maximum)	250	200	160
20% above target	188	150	120
10% above target	156	125	100
Target	125	100	80
10% below target	70	60	50
20% below target (threshold)	20	20	20
>20% below target	0	0	0

As disclosed in the above chart, the incremental changes above and below target disproportionately penalize the failure to achieve target level earnings. For example, if earnings from continuing operations per diluted share is 10% below target then payout for Mr. Wine is reduced by 55 percentage points while Mr. Morgan's is reduced 40 percentage points; however, if earnings from continuing operations per diluted share is 10% above target, then payouts only increase by 31 percentage points for Mr. Wine and 25 percentage points for Mr. Morgan. To determine the range of earnings from continuing operations per diluted share to be used in 2013 in the performance matrix, the Compensation Committee reviewed the market for the products we sell, the general economic environment and our internal operating plan for the upcoming year. Consistent with our pay-for-performance philosophy, the Compensation Committee sets challenging objectives in order to focus executive officers on delivering a high level of performance. For 2013, the target level of performance as specified in the performance matrix required the Company to achieve adjusted earnings from continuing operations per diluted share of \$5.09, an amount 16% greater than the \$4.40 amount we achieved in 2012. For 2013, the Company attained adjusted earnings from continuing operations per diluted share of \$5.45.

The percentages utilized for any participant for these purposes were based on the respective executive's level of responsibility, expected level of contribution and the Compensation Committee's general intention to target annual incentive compensation between the market median and 75th percentile levels for comparable positions when financial targets are achieved.

Because our adjusted earnings from continuing operations per diluted share for 2013 of \$5.45 per share exceeded the target level performance in the performance matrix by 7%, the suggested payouts derived from the performance matrix for the Named Executive Officers were 148% of base salary for Mr. Wine, 118% for Mr. Morgan, and 94% of base salary for Messrs. Malone and Williams and Ms. Bogart. For purposes of assessing whether to pay less than the maximum Section 162(m) payout amounts, the Compensation Committee considered several factors, including the payout amounts suggested by the performance matrix for the Named Executive Officers, our financial performance and total shareholder return relative to our 2013 Peer Group, Mr. Wine's assessment of the individual performance of the other Named Executive Officers, and the Compensation Committee's own assessment of Mr. Wine's individual performance. The Compensation Committee approved payouts to Messrs. Wine, Malone, Morgan and Williams equal to the amounts suggested by the performance matrix and consistent with an outstanding performance year. The Committee negatively adjusted the payout amount suggested by the performance matrix for Ms. Bogart due to certain negative results in commercial and product liability matters during 2013.

The following table shows the actual amount paid in February 2014 and the payout as a percentage of base salary for each of our Named Executive Officers:

	2013 Annual	2013 Annual
Name	Incentive	Incentive
Name	Amount Paid	Payout as % of
	(\$)	Base Salary
Scott W. Wine	1,393,050	148
Michael W. Malone	417,125	94
Bennett J. Morgan	665,000	118
Stacy L. Bogart	330,333	89
James P. Williams	330,175	94

# 2013 Long-Term Compensation

Overview. Long-term compensation awarded by the Compensation Committee includes stock options, performance-based restricted stock units (PRSUs) and restricted stock awards under the Omnibus Plan. The Compensation Committee believes that stock options effectively align the financial interest of our executive officers with those of our shareholders because stock options provide value only to the extent that the price of our common stock has appreciated over the option term. The Compensation Committee generally expects to provide long-term compensation opportunities to Named Executive Officers in the form of stock options, calculated using the grant date fair value of the stock options, and PRSUs. The Compensation Committee provides a blended ratio between the types of awards with a greater portion allocated in options to higher level executives. The grant date fair value of the 2013 equity awards to the Named Executive Officers was intended to position the target value of each individual's total 2013 long-term compensation at or near the market 75th percentile, in recognition of our performance during 2012. 2013 Long Term Incentive Compensation Allocation

	rargei	Grant Date
Name	Performance	Fair Value -
Name	Restricted Stock	<b>Stock Options</b>
	Units (%)	(%)
Scott W. Wine	19	81
Michael W. Malone	27	73
Bennett J. Morgan	22	78
Stacy L. Bogart	32	68
James P. Williams	31	69

In addition to annual option and PRSU awards, we also make awards of restricted stock from time to time on a selective and limited basis under the Omnibus Plan, generally in connection with promotions, individual outstanding performance, hiring of new executives and retention.

Long-Term Incentive Award—Performance Restricted Stock Unit Awards (PRSUs). Each of our current Named Executive Officers receives an award of PRSUs at the beginning of a three consecutive fiscal year performance period, and these PRSUs may be earned during the course of the performance period based on level of achievement against the performance objective specified at the beginning of the performance period. In determining the performance objective for the PRSU award, the Compensation Committee evaluates the external economic environment, the anticipated demand for the products we sell and our long-term business plan. All earned and vested PRSUs will be paid out in the form of one share for each earned and vested PRSU.

The Compensation Committee approves the PRSU awards in January or February of each year for each Named Executive Officer based on a percentage of that individual's then current annual base salary. For 2013, as was the case with PRSU awards made in 2012, the Compensation Committee decided to use the same percentage of a Named Executive Officer's base salary for setting the PRSU target award as was used for setting target payouts under the

performance matrix of the Senior Executive Plan, for the same reasons as discussed in connection with the Senior Executive Plan.

Because the compensation associated with PRSU awards is intended to be deductible under Section 162(m), the maximum number of PRSUs that may be earned over the 2013-2015 performance period by each Named Executive Officer will be

specified in the applicable award agreement and will have a grant date fair value equal to 200% of the target payout for the 2013 awards, and the applicable performance goal will be our achievement of a 12% return on invested capital for the last year of that performance period. Because the number of PRSUs specified in each award agreement represents the maximum number that may be earned, the Compensation Committee has the discretion to determine that a lesser number of PRSUs shall be earned and vested, and expects to determine whether and to what degree a lesser number of PRSUs will be earned and vested based on the degree to which goals involving our sales, operating income as a percentage of sales, and net income from continuing operations for the last year of the 2013-2015 performance period are achieved.

For PRSU awards made during 2013, the following table summarizes the recommended PRSU threshold, target and maximum payouts for each Named Executive Officer:

#### PRSU Performance Period 2013-2015

Name	Threshold Stock Units	Target Stock Units	Maximum Stock Units
Name	(#)	(#)	(#)
Scott W. Wine	1,654	13,230	26,460
Michael W. Malone	492	3,933	7,866
Bennett J. Morgan	759	6,073	12,146
Stacy L. Bogart	405	3,239	6,478
James P. Williams	393	3,147	6,293

For 2013 PRSU awards, return on invested capital is calculated by dividing the Company's net income from continuing operations by the Company's average total assets minus current liabilities. In establishing this metric, the Compensation Committee specified that adjustments would be made if certain unusual events were to occur (such as acquisitions, dispositions, restructurings and legal settlements). If this performance goal is satisfied, the Compensation Committee expects to exercise its discretion to adjust downward the number of earned and vested PRSUs based on the degree to which the Company has achieved additional performance goals that are a function of the level of Polaris' 2015 sales, net income from continuing operations and operating income expressed as a percentage of sales. These additional performance goals established by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of 2013 for the final year of the 2013-2015 performance period for the purpose of calculating recommended payouts are set forth in the following table, and reflect substantial growth in each financial measure as compared to 2012 sales of \$3,209.8 million, net income from continuing operations of \$312.3 million and operating income as a percentage of sales of 14.9%. The relative weightings of the various additional performance goals to be used for purposes of calculating recommended payout amounts are also included in the table:

	2015 Net Income from Continuing Operations (\$ millions)	Percent of Target Paid Out (%)	Operating Income as a Percent of Sales (%)	Percent Of Target Paid Out (%)	2015 Sales (\$ millions)	Percent of Target Paid Out (%)
Threshold <sup>(1)</sup>	362	25.0	15.0	12.5	3,500	12.5
Target <sup>(1)</sup>	438	50.0	16.0	25.0	3,925	25.0
Maximum <sup>(1)</sup>	540	100.0	17.0	50.0	4,875	50.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Percentage payouts for performance between any of the specified levels will be determined on a pro rata basis.

As an example of how Mr. Wine's PRSUs will be determined to be earned and vested, assume that the 2015 return on invested capital is greater than 12%, that net income from continuing operations in 2015 is \$438 million, operating income as a percentage of sales in 2015 is 15% and sales in 2015 is \$3,925 million. The number of earned PRSUs that would be eligible to vest and be settled in an equal number of shares based on satisfaction of the return on

invested capital performance goal is 26,460. The Compensation Committee would then expect to exercise its discretion to adjust that number downward based on the Company's performance against the additional financial goals, and that adjusted number of earned and vested PRSUs would be determined as follows:

13,230 (# of target stock units) x (50% + 12.5% + 25%) = 11,576 units

Payouts to the Named Executive Officers for the 2011 long-term incentive for the three year performance period that ended December 31, 2013 are summarized in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested in 2013 table on page 40.

2013 Stock Option Awards. Annual stock option awards were granted to the Named Executive Officers on January 30, 2013. The number of shares subject to each stock option award is based on the Compensation Committee's assessment of our operating performance and each individual's retention risk and performance, and potential performance impact to the company, considering the same factors described on page 24 in connection with the determination of annual incentive compensation, and on competitive market data provided by the compensation consultant as discussed earlier. The stock options granted have a ten-year life. The awards vest in two equal installments on the second and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. The awards for the Named Executive Officers have an exercise price of \$86.45 which is the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of the grant. The number of shares subject to each Named Executive Officer's 2013 stock option award was as follows:

Named Executive Officer  Scott W. Wine  163,000  Michael W. Malone  Bennett J. Morgan  Stacy L. Bogart  Shares Subject to Stock Option  30,000  60,000  20,000		Number of
Scott W. Wine 163,000 Michael W. Malone 30,000 Bennett J. Morgan 60,000	Named Executive Officer	ÿ
Michael W. Malone Bennett J. Morgan  30,000 60,000	Scott W. Wing	*
Bennett J. Morgan 60,000		•
Stacy L. Dogart 20,000	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
James P. Williams 20.000	•	

Our stock option grant practices are designed to ensure that stock option awards approved by the Compensation Committee at its January or February meeting will have an effective grant date occurring after our release of year-end financial results. We do not engage in the backdating, cancellation or re-pricing of stock options and have not engaged in such practices in the past.

Overview of 2014 Executive Compensation Program

In January 2014, our Compensation Committee determined the components, design and performance objectives of our 2014 executive compensation program.

2014 Base Salaries

The Compensation Committee approved the following annualized base salaries for the Named Executive Officers for 2014, which adjustments shall become effective April 1, 2014:

	Annualized Base	Percentage
Name	Salary 2014 (\$)	Increase (%)
Scott W. Wine	975,000	2.6
Michael W. Malone	475,000	5.6
Bennett J. Morgan	600,000	4.3
Stacy L. Bogart	425,000	13.0
James P. Williams	375,000	5.6

# 2014 Annual Incentive Compensation

The Senior Executive Plan for 2014 has been structured in a manner similar to that in place for 2013. Earnings from continuing operations per diluted share was again designated as the financial metric to be used for purposes of the performance matrix and establishing the maximum Section 162(m) payout amounts, and the earnings performance to be achieved for a target-level payout in the performance matrix was set at a level appreciably higher than our actual 2013 performance. Threshold level payouts of 20% of base salary under the performance matrix were again set at 80% of target-level earnings performance, and a maximum payout level of 200% of target-level payouts was again established at 140% of target-level earnings performance. For purposes of maintaining deductibility of annual incentive compensation under Section 162(m), the maximum Section 162(m) payout amounts for the Named

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Executive Officers were set at 200% (250% for Mr. Wine) of base salary if a specified level of earnings from continuing operations per diluted share objective were achieved. As in the past, the performance matrix is expected to be used by the Compensation Committee to guide the exercise of its discretion as to whether and to what degree it will reduce annual incentive payouts below the level of the maximum Section 162(m) payout amounts. In determining the Company's performance for purposes of the performance matrix and the maximum

Section 162(m) payout amounts, the Compensation Committee will adjust to take into account certain unusual events such as acquisitions, dispositions, restructurings, and legal settlements.

# 2014 Long-Term Compensation

Performance Restricted Stock Units. The 2014 long-term incentive awards have been structured in a manner similar to that in place for 2013. For the 2014-2016 performance period, the Compensation Committee has granted PRSUs, some or all of which may be earned and vested at the end of the performance period and will be paid out in the form of one share for each earned and vested PRSU. For PRSU awards made during 2014, the following table summarizes the recommended PRSU threshold, target and maximum payouts for each Named Executive Officer:

#### PRSU Performance Period 2014-2016

Name	Threshold Stock Units	Target Stock Units	Maximum Stock Units
Name	(#)	(#)	(#)
Scott W. Wine	2,375	19,000	38,000
Michael W. Malone	453	3,621	7,241
Bennett J. Morgan	870	6,963	13,925
Stacy L. Bogart	322	2,576	5,152
James P. Williams	322	2,576	5,152

2014 Stock Option Awards. The Compensation Committee also awarded stock options to the Named Executive Officers effective January 29, 2014. The stock options granted have a ten-year life, vest in two equal installments on the second and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant, and have an exercise price of \$125.67 per share, the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of the grant. The number of shares subject to the stock options granted was as follows:

Named Executive Officer	2014 Stock
Named Executive Officer	Options Granted
Scott W. Wine	101,000
Michael W. Malone	19,000
Bennett J. Morgan	37,000
Stacy L. Bogart	14,000
James P. Williams	14,000

Other Executive Compensation Arrangements, Policies and Practices

#### Health, Welfare and Retirement Benefits

We provide a full range of benefits to our Named Executive Officers, including the standard medical, dental and disability benefits generally available to our employees. We also sponsor a qualified 401(k) Plan in which our Named Executive Officers may participate on the same general basis as our employees, and which allows participants to make plan contributions on a pre-tax basis and to which we make Company-matching contributions dollar-for-dollar with employee contributions up to 5% of covered compensation.

Because the application of the annual compensation limit under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code prevents our senior executives from fully contributing to the 401(k) Plan and receiving the full Company match, we have adopted a Supplemental Retirement/Savings Plan ("SERP") intended to restore contributions lost because of the application of this annual compensation limit. The SERP provides executives who participate in the 401(k) Plan, including the Named Executive Officers, with the opportunity to defer up to net 100% of their base salary and up to 100% of amounts payable under the Senior Executive Plan, the cash LTIP and PRSU awards by making contributions to the SERP. Typically, base salary and Senior Executive Plan deferral contributions are matched by the Company as

if they had been made under the 401(k) Plan on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to 5% of covered compensation. The SERP is provided to assist executives in accumulating funds on a tax-advantaged basis for retirement and is consistent with observed competitive practices of similarly situated companies.

We do not maintain a defined benefit pension plan or a defined benefit supplemental pension plan for our executive officers.

# Perquisites

We provide a limited number of perquisites and personal benefits to our executive officers, generally in an effort to remain competitive with similarly situated companies. These perquisites and personal benefits consist of:

Reimbursement of club entrance/initiation fees and monthly club dues;

Reimbursement of tax, estate and financial planning fees;

Reimbursement of relocation expenses, and tax gross-ups for certain such expenses;

Supplemental family medical and dental coverage up to \$50,000 a year through the Exec-U-Care program, which covers annual expenses not covered under the basic medical and dental benefit plans that are available to Company employees generally, and reimbursement of the cost of annual physicals at the Mayo Clinic for each executive officer and spouse; and

Temporary use of Polaris products to encourage a first-hand understanding of the riding experience of our customers and to provide executive officers with an opportunity to evaluate product design and efficiency, along with related parts, garments and accessories.

# Severance Arrangements

We have entered into severance arrangements with the executive officers, which provide for certain benefits in the event an executive officer is involuntarily terminated without cause, terminated in connection with a change in control or, in the case of our CEO, if he terminates his employment for good reason. The severance arrangements with our CEO were established as part of the negotiations of his initial employment terms. The severance arrangements are intended to:

Allow executive officers to weigh potential transactions focused on shareholder interests and not personal interests; Provide executive officers with a measure of security in the event of an actual or potential change in corporate ownership or control; and

Provide executive officers with a bridge to their next professional opportunity.

The benefits provided under the severance arrangements were determined by reference to common market practices based on a 2007 survey completed by our former compensation consultant, Hewitt Associates, Inc. The severance arrangements were subsequently reviewed in 2010 by Delves. The design and structure of the severance arrangements do not have any impact on the other elements of compensation provided to the executive officers.

The severance arrangements are described in more detail beginning on page 42 under the caption entitled "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control."

#### Clawback Policy

Our "clawback" policy requires reimbursement or cancellation of cash incentive compensation awarded to any of our executive officers subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act if we are required to prepare an accounting restatement due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement, and if the award or payout was predicated upon the achievement of financial results that were restated. The policy applies to awards and payouts received during the three-year period prior to the date we are required to prepare the restatement and requires reimbursement or cancellation of the amount of the award or payout, net of taxes, in excess of what would have been granted or paid based on the actual results. The Compensation Committee has authority to reduce the amount subject to clawback as it deems appropriate.

# Deductibility of Compensation

Section 162(m) generally does not allow a publicly held company to take a tax deduction for compensation of more than \$1 million paid in any taxable year to certain "covered employees" unless such compensation is considered "performance-based." For purposes of Section 162(m), the group of "covered employees" consists of a company's chief executive officer and its three other most highly compensated executive officers, other than the chief financial officer. The Compensation Committee generally intends to comply with the requirements of Section 162(m) with respect to compensation in excess of \$1 million paid under the Senior Executive Plan, the LTIP and the Omnibus Plan in order to qualify such compensation as "performance-based" and therefore deductible under Section 162(m). However, the Compensation

Committee has and may elect to provide compensation that is not deductible under Section 162(m) when necessary to achieve its compensation objectives.

# **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

The Compensation Committee believes that an important means of aligning the interests of our executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers, with the interests of our shareholders is to ensure that they own significant amounts of our common stock. On January 29, 2014, the Compensation Committee adopted new stock ownership guidelines and changed from a fixed number of shares to a more common multiple of salary approach as set forth in the table below. Each executive officer is expected to satisfy the stock ownership guidelines within four years following the date he or she becomes an executive officer. Executive officers are prohibited from entering into hedging transactions and are subject to restrictions on pledging Company stock as discussed on page 8.

The following chart sets forth the stock ownership of each of our Named Executive Officers relative to the stock ownership guidelines:

Name	Guidelines (as a multiple of base salary)				
Scott W. Wine	7x	Yes			
Michael W. Malone	4x	Yes			
Bennett J. Morgan	4x	Yes			
Stacy L. Bogart	2x	Yes			
James P. Williams	2x	Yes			
James P. Williams	2x	Yes			

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee assists the Board in establishing a philosophy and policies regarding executive and director compensation, provides oversight of the administration of our director and executive compensation programs and administers our stock option, restricted share and other equity-based plans, reviews the compensation of directors, Named Executive Officers and senior management, and prepares any report on executive compensation required by the rules and regulations of the SEC or other regulatory body, including this Compensation Committee Report.

In performing its oversight responsibilities, the Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on the review and discussions, we have recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Proxy Statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Gary E. Hendrickson, Chair Annette K. Clayton Brian C. Cornell William G. Van Dyke

#### Compensation Risk Assessment

Management conducted a risk assessment of our employee compensation policies and practices, including those that apply to our executive officers. Management reviewed our compensation plans, program design and existing practices as well as global and local compensation policies, programs and practices applicable to all employees. Management then analyzed the likelihood and magnitude of potential risks, focusing on whether any of our compensation policies and practices varied significantly from our overall risk and reward structure, whether any such policies and practices incentivized individuals to take risks that were inconsistent with our goals, and whether any such policies and practices have resulted in establishing an inappropriate balance between short-term and long-term incentive arrangements.

Management discussed the findings of the risk assessment with the Compensation Committee. Based on the assessment, we have concluded that our compensation policies and practices are aligned with the interests of shareholders, appropriately reward pay for performance and do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013, the annual compensation paid to or earned by our Named Executive Officers.

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Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)(2)	Stock Awards (\$)(3)	Option Awards (\$)(4)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(5)	All Other Compensation (\$)(6)	Total(\$)
Scott W. Wine	2013	941,250	0	1,143,734	4,933,032	1,393,050	153,880	8,564,946
Chairman and	2012	915,000	0	999,974	4,166,388	1,546,350	158,676	7,786,388
Chief Executive Officer	2011	790,769	0	2,987,600	1,746,310	1,581,538	121,133	7,227,350
(Principal Executive								
Officer)								
Michael W. Malone	2013	443,750	0	340,008	907,920	417,125	64,945	2,173,748
Vice President – Finance and	2012	414,615	0	316,023	879,571	500,000	73,970	2,184,179
Chief Financial Officer	2011	389,808	0	304,000	671,658	561,323	77,969	2,004,758
(Principal Financial								
Officer)								
Bennett J. Morgan	2013	562,500	0	525,011	1,815,840	665,000	95,922	3,664,273
President and Chief	2012	507,500	0	460,031	1,735,995	800,000	98,167	3,601,693
Operating Officer	2011	450,577	0	425,000	1,343,315	901,154	98,467	3,218,513
Stacy L. Bogart(7)	2013	369,500	0	280,012	605,280	330,333	56,488	1,641,613
Vice President – General								
Counsel and Secretary								
James P. Williams(8)	2013	351,250	0	272,015	605,280	330,175	78,065	1,636,785
Vice President –	2012	335,961	0	260,008	648,105	362,838	95,492	1,702,404
Human Resources	2011	243,750	50,000	1,558,333	634,386	375,375	322,887	3,184,731

Amounts shown in this column include elective contributions under the 401(k) Plan and SERP for Messrs. Wine,

<sup>(1)</sup> Malone, Morgan, Ms. Bogart and Mr. Williams in the amount of \$477,664, \$30,687, \$34,990, \$21,167, and \$92,401, respectively.

<sup>(2)</sup> The amount shown in this column represents a signing bonus paid upon commencement of employment for Mr. Williams in April 2011.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of PRSUs, LTIP stock unit awards and time-based and performance-based restricted stock awards granted to each of our Named Executive Officers in the fiscal years indicated. The calculation of the grant date fair value amounts for PRSU awards (in 2013 and 2012) and LTIP stock unit awards (in 2011) assumes target-level performance against the specified PRSU and LTIP financial goals and is calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 based on the closing market price of our common stock on the applicable measurement date for the award. If instead the amounts were calculated assuming maximum-level performance, the grant date fair value of the 2013 PRSU awards would have been as follows: for Mr. Wine, \$2,287,468; for Mr. Malone, \$680,016; for Mr. Morgan; \$1,050,022; for Ms. Bogart, \$560,024, and for Mr. Williams, \$544,030. The time-based and performance-based restricted stock awards reported in this column (for Mr. Wine and Mr. Williams in 2011) reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of the restricted shares granted in 2011 computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, based on the closing market price of our common stock on the grant date. The actual value ultimately realized by our Named Executive Officers with respect to these PRSU, LTIP and performance-based awards will depend on our actual performance against the specified financial goals and the market value of our common stock on the last day of the performance period, and may differ

substantially from the grant date fair values shown. Additional information regarding the 2013 awards is set forth below under the caption "Grants of Plan-Based Awards in 2013" on page 35.

Amounts shown in this column represent the grant date fair value of stock option awards granted to each of our Named Executive Officers in the fiscal years indicated. Grant date fair value is calculated in accordance with the

(4) requirements of FASB ASC Topic 718 using the Black-Scholes method. The assumptions used in determining the grant date fair value of the awards are set forth in Note 2 to the financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

- Amounts shown in this column represent payments under the Senior Executive Plan, which are reported for the (5) year in which the related services were performed. Additional information about these payments is set forth under the caption "2013 Annual Incentive Compensation" on page 24.
  - Amounts shown in this column include Company matching contributions to the 401(k) Plan and SERP, life insurance premiums and the aggregate incremental cost to us of the following perquisites: club dues, financial planning and tax preparation services, Exec-U-Care supplemental health and dental coverage, annual physicals, the
- (6) use of Company products and the receipt of related parts, garments and accessories. These perquisites are described in further detail under the caption "Perquisites" on page 30. Additional detail regarding the components of the amounts shown for 2013 for each of our Named Executive Officers is provided below in the "All Other Compensation Table."
- (7)Ms. Bogart first became a Named Executive Officer in 2013.
- Mr. Williams was hired in April 2011, so his compensation information for 2011 reflects only the portion of the year after his hiring.

### All Other Compensation Table

The following table provides additional information on the amounts reported in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table for 2013.

	2013 Amount of All Other Compensation (\$)						
	S. Wine	M. Malone	B. Morgan	S. Bogart	J. Williams		
Financial Planning (Reimbursement)	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$8,663	\$1,765	\$10,000		
Club Monthly Dues (Reimbursement)	9,160	550	7,238	9,040	3,365		
Life Insurance Policy Premiums	546	546	546	546	546		
Exec-U-Care Premiums	2,189	3,114	6,229	2,419	10,748		
Annual Physicals (Executive and Spouse)	1,824	2,855	4,968	2,645	6,585		
401(k) Plan Matching Contributions by Company	12,750	12,750	12,750	12,750	12,750		
SERP Matching Contributions by Company	111,630	34,437	55,375	22,797	22,954		
Use of Polaris Products <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0		
Polaris Parts, Garments and Accessories	3,781	693	153	4,526	11,117		
Total	\$153,880	\$64,945	\$95,922	\$56,488	\$78,065		

Each year, the CEO is provided with the use of 16 Polaris products, the President and COO is provided with the use of up to 12 Polaris products and other executive officers are provided with use of up to eight Polaris products.

The products used by our executive officers are either returned to the Company or purchased at a price greater than (1) cost at the and 1.5 of cost at the end of a defined usage period. We sell the returned products to dealers at an amount greater than the cost of such products to the Company. As a result, there is no aggregate incremental cost to the Company associated with such use.

# GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS IN 2013

The following table summarizes each grant of an equity or non-equity incentive award during 2013 to each of our Named Executive Officers.

		Estimated Potential Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards(2)			•	Exercise or Base Price of	Value of
Name	Grant Date	Threshole (\$)	dTarget (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	lTarget (#)	Maximum (#)	Securities Underlying Options (#)	•	Stock and Option Awards (\$)(3)
Scott W. Wine	1/30/201 1/30/201 1/30/201	3	1,176,563	32,353,125	1,654	13,230	)26,460	163,000	86.45	1,143,734 4,933,032
Michael W. Malone	1/30/201		355,000	887,500	492	3,933	7,866	20.000	06.45	340,008
Bennett J. Morgan	1/30/201 1/30/201	3 112,500	562,500	1,125,000				30,000	86.45	907,920
Stacy L. Bogar	1/30/201 1/30/201 t 1/30/201	.3	295,600	739,000	759	6,073	12,146	60,000	86.45	525,011 1,815,840