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Altra Industrial Motion Corp.
300 Granite Street, Suite 201
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184
www.altramotion.com
March 27, 2015
Dear Fellow Stockholders:
You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Altra Industrial Motion Corp. ("Altra to be held at 9:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Boston Marriott Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy Massachusetts 02169. You will find directions to the meeting on the back cover of the accompanying Proxy Statement.
The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement describe the matters to be acted upon at the meeting. We will als report on matters of interest to Altra stockholders.
Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we encourage you to submit a proxy so that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting. You may submit a proxy by calling a toll-fre telephone number, by accessing the internet or by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy card in the return envelope provided. If you do not vote by one of the methods described above, you still may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person.
Thank you for your continued support of Altra.
Sincerely,
Carl R. Christenson

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

**Altra Industrial Motion Corp.** 

300 Granite Street, Suite 201

Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

March 27, 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Altra Industrial Motion Corp. ("Altra", the "Company", "we" or "our") will be held as follows:

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m. EDT

LOCATION: Boston Marriott Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169

PURPOSE: To consider and act upon the following proposals:

- 1. The election of the 7 nominees for director named in the accompanying Proxy Statement;
- 2. The ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- 3. An advisory vote to approve the compensation of Altra's named executive officers ("Say on Pay"); and
- 4. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Shares represented by properly executed proxies that are hereby solicited by the Board of Directors of Altra will be voted in accordance with the instructions specified therein. Shares represented by proxies that are not limited to the contrary will be voted in favor of the election as directors of the persons nominated pursuant to Proposal 1 in the accompanying Proxy Statement and in favor of Proposal 2 and Proposal 3.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 17, 2015 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Glenn E. Deegan Vice President, Legal and Human Resources, General Counsel and Secretary

It is important that your shares be represented and voted, whether or not you plan to attend the meeting.
YOU CAN VOTE:
1. BY MAIL: Promptly return your signed and dated proxy/voting instruction card in the enclosed envelope.
2. BY TELEPHONE: Call toll-free 1-800-690-6903 and follow the instructions.
3. <u>BY INTERNET</u> : Access "www.proxyvote.com" and follow the on-screen instructions.
4. IN PERSON: You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 30, 2015

Altra's proxy statement, form of Proxy Card and 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at http://ir.altramotion.com/financials.cfm.

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2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Thursday, April 30, 2015

ALTRA INDUSTRIAL MOTION CORP.

300 Granite Street, Suite 201

Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Proxy Solicitation**

These proxy materials are being mailed or otherwise sent to stockholders of Altra Industrial Motion Corp. ("Altra", the "Company", "we" or "our") on or about March 27, 2015, in connection with the solicitation of proxies by Altra's Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Altra to be held at 9:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Boston Marriott Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. Directors, officers and other Altra employees also may solicit proxies by telephone or otherwise, but will not receive compensation for such services. Altra pays the cost of soliciting your proxy and reimburses brokers and other nominees their reasonable expenses for forwarding proxy materials to you.

# Stockholders Entitled to Vote

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 17, 2015, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. As of such date, there were 26,389,612 shares of Altra common stock outstanding, each entitled to one vote.

# **How to Vote**

Stockholders of record described above may cast their votes by:

(1) signing, completing and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope;
(2) calling toll-free 1-800-690-6903 and following the instructions;
(3) accessing "www.proxyvote.com" and following the instructions; or
(4) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.
Revocation of Proxies
A proxy may be revoked at any time before it is voted by delivering written notice of revocation to the Corporate Secretary of Altra at the address set forth above, by delivering a proxy bearing a later date, or by voting in person at the meeting.
Quorum; Required Vote
The holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting must be present in person or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. Proxies received but marked as withheld, abstentions, or those treated as broker non-votes will be included in the calculation of the number of shares considered to be present at the Annual Meeting in determining a quorum. If a quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting, we will be forced to reconvene the Annual Meeting at a later date.
Your shares may be voted if they are held in the name of a brokerage firm or bank (a "broker"), even if you do not provide the broker with voting instructions. Brokers have the authority, under applicable rules, to vote shares on certain "routine" matters for which their customers do not provide voting instructions. The ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company is considered a routine matter. The election of directors and the advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers

("Say on Pay") are not considered routine matters. Broker non-votes are shares held by brokers or nominees for which instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners, or persons entitled to vote, and the broker is barred

from exercising its discretionary authority to vote the shares because the proposal is a non-routine matter.

*Election of Directors: Proposal 1.* A plurality of the votes cast is required for the election of directors. You may vote "FOR" all or some of the nominees or your vote may be "WITHHELD" with respect to one or more of the nominees. Votes "WITHHELD" and broker non-votes with respect to the election of directors will have no effect upon election of directors. You may not cumulate your votes for the election of directors.

**Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm: Proposal 2.** Ratification of the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast for or against the matter. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" in connection with Proposal 2. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal.

Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation of our Named Executive Officers: Proposal 3. The approval of Proposal 3, regarding the compensation of our named executive officers, requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast for or against the matter. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" in connection with Proposal 3. Abstentions and broker non-votes have no effect on this proposal. Because the vote on the Say on Pay proposal is advisory, it will not be binding on the Board of Directors or the Company. However, the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the Say on Pay vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements.

If you provide specific instructions with regard to certain items, your shares will be voted as you instruct on such items. If no instructions are indicated, the shares will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

#### **Other Matters**

The Board of Directors is not aware of any matters to be presented at the meeting other than those set forth in the accompanying notice. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information regarding the Company appears in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, a copy of which, including the financial statements and schedules thereto, but not the exhibits, accompanies this Proxy Statement. In addition, such report and the other reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") are available, free of charge, through the Investor Relations section of our internet website at http://www.altramotion.com. Printed copies of these documents and any exhibit to our Form 10-K may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Corporate Secretary, Altra Industrial Motion Corp., 300 Granite Street, Suite 201, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184, telephone (781) 917-0600.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER

# **MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 30, 2015**

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# OWNERSHIP OF ALTRA COMMON STOCK

#### Securities Owned by Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 17, 2015, regarding the beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock by: (i) each person or entity known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our common stock; (ii) each of our named executive officers; (iii) each member of our Board of Directors; and (iv) all members of our Board of Directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with rules adopted by the SEC. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options or warrants or the conversion of other securities held by that person that are currently exercisable or convertible, or are exercisable or convertible within 60 days of March 17, 2015, are deemed to be issued and outstanding. These shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing percentage ownership of each other stockholder. Percentage of beneficial ownership is otherwise based on 26,389,612 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 17, 2015.

Securities Beneficially

Owned

	Shares of Common Percentage of		•
	Stock Beneficially	Common Stock Y Outstanding	
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Owned		
Principal Securityholders:			
Wellington Management Group, LLP (2)	3,621,507	13.7	%
Macquarie Group Limited. (3)	1,547,475	5.9	%
The Vanguard Group, Inc. (4)	1,538,539	5.8	%
BlackRock, Inc. (5)	1,525,496	5.8	%
JP Morgan Chase & Co. (6)	1,374,454	5.2	%
Earnest Partners, LLC (7)	1,361,815	5.2	%
Named Executive Officers:			
Carl R. Christenson (1)	478,196	1.8	%
Christian Storch (1)	88,007	*	
Gerald Ferris (1) (8)	79,244	*	
Glenn Deegan (1)	36,345	*	
Craig Schuele (1)	86,689	*	
Directors:			

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Edmund M. Carpenter (1)	33,387	*	
Lyle G. Ganske (1) (9)	27,970	*	
Michael S. Lipscomb (1)	30,061	*	
Larry McPherson (1)	78,470	*	
Thomas W. Swidarski (1)	1,483	*	
James H. Woodward Jr. (1)	37,389	*	
All directors and executive officers as a group (12 persons)	999,604	3.8	%

Except as otherwise noted below, each of these individuals' address of record is c/o Altra Industrial Motion Corp., 300 Granite Street, Suite 201, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184. To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons listed in the table have sole investment and voting power with respect to all Company securities owned by them.

The address of Wellington Management Group LLP is c/o the Wellington Management Company, LLP, 280 (2) Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210. Information and share amounts listed are derived from Wellington Management Group LLP's Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 12, 2015.

The address of Macquarie Group Limited is No. 1 Martin Place, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. The shares are deemed beneficially owned due to Macquarie Group Limited's ownership of Macquarie Bank Limited, Macquarie Investment Management Limited, Delaware Management Holdings Inc. and Delaware Management Business Trust. Information and share amounts listed

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

are derived from Macquarie Group Limited's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015, in which Macquarie Group Limited states that it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power over 1,547,475 shares of Altra's common stock.

The address of The Vanguard Group, Inc. is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, PA 19355. A portion of the shares are held by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company and Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd., each of which is a subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc. Information and share amounts listed are derived from The Vanguard Group, Inc.'s Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2015, in which The Vanguard Group, Inc. states that it has sole voting power over 38,684 shares of Altra's common stock, sole dispositive power over 1,502,055 and shared dispositive power over 36,484 shares of Altra's common stock.

The address of BlackRock, Inc. is 40 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022. Shares are held by BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, BlackRock Advisors, LLC, BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited, BlackRock Fund Advisors, BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A., BlackRock Investment Management (Australia)

Limited, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Ltd, and BlackRock Investment Management, LLC, each of which is a subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. Information and share amounts listed are derived from BlackRock, Inc.'s Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 2, 2015, in which BlackRock, Inc. states that it has sole voting power over 1,463,394 shares of Altra's common stock and sole dispositive power over 1,525,496 shares of Altra's common stock.

The address of JPMorgan Chase & Co. is 270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Shares are held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association; J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc.; JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited; and J.P. Morgan Trust Company of Delaware. Information and share amounts listed are derived from (6) JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 23, 2015, in which JPMorgan Chase & Co. states that it has sole voting power over 1,211,139 shares of Altra's common stock, shared voting power over 27,337 shares of Altra's common stock, sole dispositive power over 1,323,317 shares of Altra's common stock and

shared dispositive power over 27,337 shares of Altra's common stock.

The address of Earnest Partners, LLC is 1180 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 2300, Atlanta, Georgia 30309. Information and share amounts listed are derived from Earnest Partners, LLC's Schedule 13G filed with the (7)SEC on February 17, 2015, in which Earnest Partners, LLC states that it has sole voting power over 457,395 shares of Altra's common stock, shared voting power over 167,099 shares of Altra's common stock and sole dispositive power over 1,361,815 shares of Altra's common stock.

(8) Includes 300 shares held by Mr. Ferris' children for which Mr. Ferris does not have voting or investment power.

Includes 500 shares as to which Mr. Ganske shares voting and investment power with his wife and includes 3,486 (9) shares held in trust for the benefit of Mr. Ganske's daughters, for which Mr. Ganske's wife serves as trustee and for which Mr. Ganske does not have voting or investment power.

# Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires Altra's directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of Altra's equity securities ("10% Owners") to file initial reports of their ownership of Altra's equity securities and reports of changes in such ownership with the SEC. Directors, executive officers and 10% Owners are required by SEC regulations to furnish Altra with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on a review of copies of such forms and written representations from Altra's directors, executive officers and 10% Owners, Altra believes that for the fiscal year of 2014, all of its directors, executive officers and 10% Owners were in compliance with the disclosure requirements of Section 16(a) except for the following: (i) Thomas W. Swidarski was late in filing a report on Form 3 following his election to the Board on April 24, 2014; and (ii) Carl Christenson was late in filing a report on Form 4 for a transaction that occurred on June 5, 2014.

#### PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The current Board of Directors is made up of seven directors each of whom's term expires at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The following directors have been nominated by the Company's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for re-election to serve for a term of one year until the 2016 Annual Meeting and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified:

Carl R. Christenson

Lyle G. Ganske

Michael S. Lipscomb

Larry McPherson

Thomas W. Swidarski

James H. Woodward Jr.

Edmund M. Carpenter

All of the nominees for election have consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected. Biographical information for each of the nominees as of the most recent practicable date, is presented below.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR the election of Messrs. Carpenter, Christenson, Ganske, Lipscomb, McPherson, Swidarski and Woodward.

# NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

Edmund M. Carpenter, 73, has been a director since March 2007. Mr. Carpenter currently serves as an operating partner to Genstar Capital. Mr. Carpenter was President and Chief Executive Officer of Barnes Group Inc. from 1998 until his retirement in December 2006. Prior to joining Barnes Group Inc., Mr. Carpenter was Senior Managing Director of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice from 1996 to 1998, and Chief Executive Officer of General Signal from 1988 to 1995. Prior to joining General Signal Corporation, Mr. Carpenter held various executive positions at ITT Corporation, including President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining ITT, he held executive positions with Fruehauf Corporation and served as a partner in the management services division of Touche Ross & Company. He began his

career at Michigan Bell Telephone Company. He has served as a director at Campbell Soup Company since 1990. He holds both an M.B.A. and a B.S.E. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan. Having served as CEO of a diversified global manufacturing and logistical services company, Mr. Carpenter presents valuable insight into organizational and operational management issues crucial to a public manufacturing company.

Carl R. Christenson, 55, has been our Chairman since April 2014, our Chief Executive Officer since January 2009 and a director since July 2007. Prior to his current position, Mr. Christenson served as our President and Chief Operating Officer from January 2005 to December 2008. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Christenson was the President of Kaydon Bearings, a manufacturer of custom-engineered bearings and a division of Kaydon Corporation. Prior to joining Kaydon, Mr. Christenson held a number of management positions at TB Wood's Incorporated and several positions at the Torrington Company. Mr. Christenson has served as a director at OM Group, Inc., a NYSE listed technology-driven diversified industrial company, since 2014. Mr. Christenson holds a M.S. and B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts and an M.B.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic. In addition to more than twenty five years of experience in manufacturing companies, Mr. Christenson brings vast knowledge of the Company's business, structure, history and culture to the Board and the CEO position.

Lyle G. Ganske, 56, has been a director since November 2007. Mr. Ganske is a Partner and Co-chair of Business Development at Jones Day. He is an advisor to significant companies, focusing primarily on M&A, takeovers, takeover preparedness, corporate governance, executive compensation, and general corporate counseling. Mr. Ganske has been involved in 44 transactions that each had a value in excess of \$1 billion and 48 proxy contests and battles for corporate control. He has experience in transactions involving regulated industries, including telecom and energy. Mr. Ganske received his J.D. from Ohio State University and his B.S.B.A. at Bowling Green State University. He currently serves on the boards of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, and Flashes of Hope. Mr. Ganske is the former chair of Business Volunteers Unlimited and the Commission on Economic Inclusion. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Resilience Capital, a private equity firm. In addition to his substantial legal skills and expertise, Mr. Ganske brings to the Company's Board well-developed business and financial acumen critical to a dynamic public company.

Michael S. Lipscomb, 68, has been a director since November 2007. Mr. Lipscomb has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SIFCO Inc., a NYSE company in the aerospace business, since January 2015 and as Chief Executive Officer since 2010. In this role, Mr. Lipscomb has led SIFCO through three acquisitions and a divestiture resulting in compounded annual sales and EBITDA growth of 6.5% and 22%, respectively. Mr. Lipscomb also serves as Chief Executive Officer/principal of Aviation Component Solutions, a privately held company in the aerospace/aftermarket business and as Chief Executive Officer/principal of JC Carter Nozzles, a privately held supplier of refueling nozzles to the LNG market. Mr. Lipscomb also serves as a Board member of both Integrity Organics, a green company in the waste reclamation business, and The Ruhlin Company, an integrated ESOP-owned construction company. Previously, Mr. Lipscomb was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Argo-Tech, a leading supplier to the aerospace industry, where he led the company through five bank refinances, four high yield bond offerings, and successfully managed the sale of the company to Eaton Corporation in March of 2007. During his career, Mr. Lipscomb served as a co-founder of Argo-Tech, as a Managing Director at TRW, and in various operational and engineering management roles at the Utica Tool Company. Mr. Lipscomb received his MBA from Clemson – Furman University and his B.S. from Clemson University and previously served on the boards of Argo-Tech, MAMCO Enterprises, Ruhlin Construction Company, Duradyne, and SIFCO (Audit Committee Chair 2002-2006). Mr. Lipscomb brings to the Company's Board a depth of global industrial operating experience and knowledge of organizational management essential to a public manufacturing company.

Larry McPherson, 69, has been a director since January 2005. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. McPherson was a Director of NSK Ltd. from 1997 until his retirement in 2004 and served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NSK Europe from January 2002 to December 2003. In total he was employed by NSK Ltd. for 22 years during which time he was responsible for the major expansion of manufacturing operations in the U.S. and the reorganization and consolidation of European operations. Mr. McPherson served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NSK Americas for the six years prior to his European assignment. Mr. McPherson serves as a board member of McNaughton and Gunn, Inc., a privately owned printing company. Mr. McPherson earned his MBA from Georgia State and his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from Clemson University. Mr. McPherson contributes to the Company's Board significant organizational and operational management skills combined with a wealth of experience in global manufacturing businesses.

Thomas W. Swidarski, 56, has been a director since April 2014. Mr. Swidarski previously served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Diebold, Incorporated, a \$3 billion global leader in designing, manufacturing and distributing self-service technologies (ATMs) in over 100 countries, from October 12, 2005 to January 19, 2013. Mr. Swidarski served as Senior Vice President of Financial Self-Service Group of Diebold, Incorporated, from 2001 to September 2005 and served as its Chief Operating Officer from October 12, 2005 to December 2005. Mr. Swidarski also held various strategic development and marketing positions at Diebold since 1996. Prior to Diebold, he held various positions within the financial industry for nearly 20 years focusing on marketing, product management, retail bank profitability, branding and retail distribution. Mr. Swidarski served as a Director of Diebold, Incorporated from December 12, 2005 to January 8, 2013. He holds a BA in marketing from the University of Dayton and an MBA in business management from Cleveland State University. Having served as Chief Executive Officer of a global provider of technology and services to a wide range of businesses, Mr. Swidarski brings to the Company's Board valuable insight into organizational management, global business, financial matters and marketing matters.

James H. Woodward, Jr., 62, has been a director since March 2007. From March 2009 to October 2011, Mr. Woodward served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Accuride Corporation. Previously, Mr. Woodward served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Joy Global Inc. from January 2007 until February 2008. Prior to joining Joy Global Inc., Mr. Woodward was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of JLG Industries, Inc. from August 2000 until its sale in December 2006. Prior to JLG Industries, Inc., Mr. Woodward held various financial and operational positions at Dana Corporation since 1982. Mr. Woodward is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a B.A. degree in Accounting from Michigan State University. Mr. Woodward's depth and breadth of exposure to complex issues from his long and distinguished career in the manufacturing industry make him a skilled advisor who provides critical insight into organizational and operational management, global business and financial matters.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Board of Directors Composition**

Our bylaws provide that the size of the Board of Directors shall be determined from time to time by our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors currently consists of seven members. Each of our executive officers and directors, other than non-employee directors, devotes his or her full time to our affairs. Our non-employee directors devote the amount of time to our affairs as necessary to discharge their duties. Edmund M. Carpenter, Lyle G. Ganske, Michael S. Lipscomb, Larry McPherson, and Thomas W. Swidarski are each "independent" within the meaning of the Marketplace Rules of the NASDAQ Global Market (the "NASDAQ Rules") and the federal securities laws and collectively constitute a majority of our Board of Directors.

# **Committees of the Board of Directors**

Pursuant to our bylaws, our Board of Directors is permitted to establish committees from time to time as it deems appropriate. To facilitate independent director review and to make the most effective use of our directors' time and capabilities, our Board of Directors has established the following committees: the Audit Committee, the Personnel and Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The charter of each of the committees discussed below is available on our website at ir.altramotion.com/corporate-governance.cfm. Printed copies of these charters may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Corporate Secretary, Altra Industrial Motion Corp., 300 Granite Street, Suite 201, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184, telephone (781) 917-0600. The membership and function of each committee are described below.

# **Audit Committee**

The primary purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board's oversight of:

the integrity of our financial statements and reporting;

our independent auditors' qualifications, independence and performance;

our internal controls and risk management;

our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

the performance of our internal audit function;

the preparation of all reports and disclosure required or appropriate including the disclosure required by Item 407(d)(3)(i) of Regulation S-K; and

legal, ethical and regulatory compliance including application of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

The Audit Committee was established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act and currently consists of Messrs. Ganske, Carpenter and Lipscomb. Mr. Ganske serves as chairman of our Audit Committee. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Lipscomb and Mr. Ganske qualify as independent "audit committee financial experts" as such term has been defined by the SEC in Item 407 of Regulation S-K. We believe that the composition of our audit committee meets the criteria for independence under, and the functioning of our audit committee complies with the applicable requirements of, the NASDAQ Rules and federal securities law.

#### Personnel and Compensation Committee

The primary purpose of our Personnel and Compensation Committee (the "Compensation Committee") is to establish and review our overall compensation philosophy and policy, to establish and review our director compensation philosophy and policy, and to review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of the Company's executive officers. In addition, the Compensation Committee oversees our employee benefit plans and practices and produces a report on executive compensation as required by SEC rules. The Compensation Committee may form, and delegate any of its responsibilities to, a subcommittee so long as such subcommittee is solely comprised of one or more members of the Compensation Committee.

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The Compensation Committee has the authority, pursuant to its charter, to retain outside counsel, compensation consultants or other advisors to assist it in carrying out its activities. The Compensation Committee retains Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. ("Cook & Co."), as the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant.

Messrs. Carpenter, McPherson and Swidarski serve on the Compensation Committee, each of whom is a non-employee member of our Board of Directors and independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ Rules. Mr. Carpenter serves as chairman of the Compensation Committee. We believe that the composition of our Compensation Committee meets the criteria for independence under, and the functioning of our Compensation Committee complies with the applicable requirements of, the NASDAQ Rules.

#### Compensation Policies and Practices Regarding Risk Taking

The Company has considered its compensation policies and practices for its employees and concluded that the policies and practices do not give rise to risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. This conclusion was based on the assessment performed by the Company's management and was reviewed by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

# Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The primary purpose of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is to:

identify and recommend to the Board individuals qualified to serve as directors of our company and on committees of the Board:

advise the Board with respect to Board composition, procedures and committees;

develop and recommend to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and guidelines applicable to us; and

oversee the evaluation of the Board and our management.

Messrs. McPherson, Ganske and Lipscomb serve on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, each of whom is a non-employee member of our Board of Directors and independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ

Rules. Mr. McPherson serves as chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. We believe that the composition of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets the criteria for independence under, and the functioning of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee complies with the applicable requirements of, the NASDAQ Rules. Please see the section entitled "Corporate Governance" herein for further discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

# **Board, Committee and Annual Meeting Attendance**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, the Board and its Committees held the following aggregate number of regular and special meetings:

Board	6
Audit Committee	5
Personnel and Compensation Committee	3
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	3

Each of our directors attended 75% or more of the aggregate number of the meetings of the Board and of the Committees on which he served during t