

ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC
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Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Sandell Asset Management Corp.

Castlerigg Master Investments Ltd.

Castlerigg International Limited

Castlerigg International Holdings Limited

Castlerigg Offshore Holdings, Ltd.

Castlerigg Active Investment Fund, Ltd.

Castlerigg Active Investment Intermediate Fund, L.P.

Castlerigg Active Investment Master Fund, Ltd.

Castlerigg Equity Event and Arbitrage Fund

Pulteney Street Partners, L.P.

Thomas E. Sandell

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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No fee required.

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On August 14, 2015, Sandell Asset Management Corp. (“SAMC”) sent a letter to Farooq Kathwari, Chairman and CEO of Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. (the “Company”), and issued a press release disclosing the letter (the “August 14 Press Release”), in which SAMC stated its belief that the Company’s stock is trading at a discount to its intrinsic value and that the Company has underperformed its publicly-traded peers. In the August 14 Press Release, SAMC described the alternatives set forth above which it believes are available to the Company to enhance shareholder value. A copy of the August 14 Press Release including the full text of the letter is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.

Information regarding the participants in a solicitation of proxies from stockholders of the Company in connection with the Company’s 2015 annual meeting of stockholders is filed herewith as Exhibit 2.