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United States Lime & Minerals, Inc.
5429 LBJ Freeway, Suite 230
Dallas, Texas 75240

April 2, 2010

Dear Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders at 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, April 30, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas, 75240. Please refer to the back of this letter for directions. The meeting will be preceded by an informal reception starting at 9:30 a.m., at which you will have an opportunity to meet our directors and officers.

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

I look forward to meeting and speaking with you at the annual meeting on April 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Byrne
President and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

United States Lime & Minerals, Inc.

Directions to the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Friday, April 30, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

**Crowne Plaza Suites
7800 Alpha Road
Dallas, Texas 75240**

Directions from Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport:

Take the North exit from the Airport

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

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

Turn left at first intersection onto Alpha Road

Hotel entrance is on the left before junction with Blossomheath Road

Directions from Downtown Dallas:

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

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

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

Turn left at first intersection onto Alpha Road

Hotel entrance is on the left before junction with Blossomheath Road

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NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
To Be Held On April 30, 2010

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

Notice is hereby given that the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of United States Lime & Minerals, Inc., a Texas corporation (the Company), will be held on Friday, the 30th day of April, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas 75240 (the Annual Meeting), for the following purposes:

1. To elect six directors to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified; and
2. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

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

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 19, 2010 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. A complete list of such shareholders will be available for inspection during usual business hours for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting at the corporate office of the Company in Dallas, Texas.

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

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Timothy W. Byrne
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dallas, Texas
April 2, 2010

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders To Be Held on April 30, 2010: The Company's 2009 Proxy Statement and 2009 Annual Report to Shareholders, including the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, are available at <http://uslm.com/news.htm>.

UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC.

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**PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
To Be Held On April 30, 2009**

INTRODUCTION

The accompanying proxy card, mailed together with this proxy statement, is solicited by and on behalf of the Board of Directors of United States Lime & Minerals, Inc., a Texas corporation (the company, we, us or our), for use at our 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice. The approximate date on which this proxy statement and the proxy card were first sent to our shareholders is April 2, 2010.

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

FOR the election of the six nominees named in the proxy card to our board of directors.

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

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

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on March 19, 2010, the record date for the annual meeting, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. The presence of the holders of a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock is necessary to constitute a quorum. On the record date for the meeting, there were issued and outstanding 6,401,710 shares of our stock. At the meeting, each shareholder of record on March 19, 2010 will be entitled to one vote for each share registered in such shareholder's name on the record date.

The following table sets forth, as of March 19, 2010, information with respect to shareholders known to us to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of our issued and outstanding shares:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
Inberdon Enterprises Ltd. 1020-789 West Pender Street Vancouver, British Columbia Canada V6C 1H2(1)	3,674,033(1)	57.39%(1)
Robert S. Beall 5300 Miramar Lane Colleyville, Texas 76034	635,204(2)	9.92%(2)
Brown Advisory Holdings, Incorporated 901 South Bond Street, Suite 400 Baltimore, Maryland 21231	899,166(3)	14.05%(3)

- (1) Inberdon Enterprises Ltd. (Inberdon) is principally engaged in the acquisition and holding of securities of aggregate producing companies located in North America. All of the outstanding shares of Inberdon are held, indirectly through a number of private companies, by Mr. George M. Doumet. The number and percent of shares beneficially owned by Inberdon is based on our records as of March 19, 2010 and includes 195,643 shares held by Credit Trust, S.A.L., an affiliate of Inberdon.
- (2) In the case of Robert S. Beall, based on his Form 4 filed on March 10, 2010 reporting his beneficial ownership as of March 9, 2010. Assuming Mr. Beall continued to beneficially own 635,204 shares on March 19, 2010, such shares would represent 9.92% of the class as of such date.
- (3) In the case of Brown Advisory Holdings Incorporated (Brown Advisory), based on its Schedule 13G/A filed on February 16, 2010 reporting its beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2009. According to the Schedule 13G/A, 899,166 shares, over which Brown Advisory has shared dispositive power, are owned by clients of Brown Advisory Securities, LLC, a broker-dealer and investment adviser. Assuming Brown Advisory continued to beneficially own 899,166 shares on March 19, 2010, such shares would represent 14.05% of the class as of such date.

SHAREHOLDINGS OF COMPANY DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The table below sets forth the number of shares beneficially owned, as of March 19, 2010, by each of our directors and named executive officers individually and by all directors and executive officers as a group:

Name	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned(1)	Percent of Class
Timothy W. Byrne	49,518(2)(3)(4)	(6)
Richard W. Cardin	9,733(3)	(6)
Antoine M. Doumet	14,000(3)(5)	(6)
Wallace G. Irmischer	6,033(3)	(6)

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Edward A. Odishaw	700	(6)
Billy R. Hughes	22,426	(6)
David P. Leymeister	3,009(4)	(6)
M. Michael Owens	12,737(3)(4)	(6)
Russell W. Riggs	9,626(3)(4)	(6)
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (9 persons)	127,782(2)(3)(4)	2.00%

(1) All shares are directly held with sole voting and dispositive power unless otherwise indicated.

(2) Includes 6,845 shares allocated to Mr. Byrne under our 401(k) plan.

- (3) Includes the following shares subject to stock options exercisable within the next 60 days granted under our Amended and Restated 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan (2001 Plan): Mr. Byrne, 15,000; Mr. Cardin, 2,000; Mr. Doumet, 14,000; Mr. Irscher, 2,000; Mr. Owens, 3,000; and Mr. Riggs, 4,269.
- (4) Includes the following shares of restricted stock granted under our 2001 Plan that were not vested as of March 19, 2010: Mr. Byrne, 8,000; Mr. Leymeister, 2,100; Mr. Owens, 1,650; and Mr. Riggs, 2,700.
- (5) Mr. Doumet is the brother of Mr. George M. Doumet, who indirectly owns all of the outstanding shares of Inberdon.
- (6) Less than 1%.

PROPOSAL: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Six directors, constituting our entire board of directors, are to be elected at the annual meeting to serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified. All of the nominees are currently directors and have been recommended for re-election by the nominating and corporate governance committee of the board and nominated by the board.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares entitled to vote in the election of directors at the annual meeting. Our Restated Articles of Incorporation prohibit cumulative voting for the election of directors. All duly submitted and unrevoked proxies will be voted FOR the nominees selected by our board except where authorization to so vote is withheld. Votes withheld and broker non-votes are not counted in the election of directors.

The nominating and corporate governance committee and our board unanimously recommend that all shareholders vote FOR the election of all such nominees. If any nominee should become unavailable for election for any presently unforeseen reason, the persons designated to serve as proxies will have full discretion to vote for another person nominated by the board.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

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

Timothy W. Byrne

Mr. Byrne, age 52, rejoined us on December 8, 2000 as our President and Chief Executive Officer, positions he previously held during 1997 and 1998. Mr. Byrne has served as a director since 1991, and served in various positions, including Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration, from 1990 to 1998. Prior to rejoining us in 2000, Mr. Byrne was president of an internet services and communications company focused on strategy, marketing, and technology. The board selected Mr. Byrne to serve as a director because he is our Chief Executive Officer, has been with the company for more than 18 years in various operational and financial positions and is the only officer of the company to sit on the board. Mr. Byrne is also the immediate past president of the National Lime Association. He has extensive knowledge of the lime industry and our operations and finances.

Richard W. Cardin

Mr. Cardin, age 74, has served as a director since August 1998. He retired as a partner of Arthur Andersen LLP in 1995, having spent 37 years with that firm. He was office managing partner with Arthur Andersen LLP in Nashville, Tennessee from 1980 until 1994. He is a member of the board of directors of Atmos Energy Corporation, a natural gas utility company, and was, until the corporation was sold in November 2006, a member of the board of directors of Intergraph Corporation, a global provider of spatial information management software and services. The board selected Mr. Cardin, a certified public accountant and an audit committee financial expert, to serve as a director because of his accounting, finance and risk management background, his board and audit committee experience at other public companies as well as his operational and leadership skills gained as an office managing partner of a major accounting firm.

Antoine M. Doumet

Mr. Doumet, age 50, has served as a director since July 1993, as Chairman of the board since May 2005 and as Vice Chairman from July 1993 until May 2005. He is a private businessman and investor. From 1989 to 1995, he served as a director of MELEC, a French electrical engineering and contracting company. From 1988 to 1992, Mr. Doumet served as vice president and a director of Lebanon Chemicals Company. Mr. Doumet is the brother of Mr. George M. Doumet, who indirectly owns all of the outstanding shares of Inberdon. The board selected Mr. Doumet to serve as a director because of his family's majority ownership of the company and his extensive management, operational and engineering background as a result of his educational training and oversight of a variety of family business units, some with operations similar to ours.

Billy R. Hughes

Mr. Hughes, age 71, has served as a director since February 26, 2010. He began his career with us in June 1973 as a salesperson for the Arkansas Lime plant and served as Senior Vice President - Sales & Marketing from December 1998 to January 2008 and Senior Vice President - Development from February 2008 until his retirement in February 2009. He has more than 35 years of experience in the lime and limestone industry serving in various sales and marketing positions for the company and its subsidiaries. The board selected Mr. Hughes to serve as a director because of his extensive knowledge of our operations, customers and history, particularly the markets for the company's lime and limestone products.

Wallace G. Irmscher

Mr. Irmscher, age 87, has served as a director since July 1993. He was a senior executive with 44 years of diversified experience in the construction and construction materials industry. From 1995 to 2003, Mr. Irmscher served as a director of N-Viro International Corporation, a company involved in the recycling of industrial waste. He also serves as an advisory board member of U.S. Concrete, Inc., a producer of construction materials. He is past chairman of the American Concrete Paving Association (ACPA) and is presently a board member of the National Ready Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA). Mr. Irmscher has performed consulting services for various companies in the cement, construction and environmental industries. The board selected Mr. Irmscher to serve as a director because of his extensive knowledge of the cement and construction industries and his management and leadership experience as a director of various companies and associations.

Edward A. Odishaw

Mr. Odishaw, age 74, has served as a director since July 1993, as Vice Chairman of the Board since May 2005 and as Chairman from July 1993 until May 2005. Mr. Odishaw is chairman of Austpro Energy Corporation, a public Canadian corporation. Between 1964 and 1999, he practiced law in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Canada, with emphasis on commercial law, corporate mergers, acquisitions and finance. Between 1992 and 1999, Mr. Odishaw was a barrister and solicitor with the law firm of Boughton Peterson Yang Anderson, located in Vancouver, Canada. From 1972 to 1992, Mr. Odishaw was a barrister and solicitor with the law firm of Swinton & Company, Vancouver, Canada. Mr. Odishaw holds directorships in numerous companies in Canada. Mr. Odishaw is a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia and is a non-practicing member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. The board selected Mr. Odishaw to serve as a director because of his many years of legal experience in financial and transactional matters and his management and leadership experience as a director of various companies and associations.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTORS

David P. Leymeister

Mr. Leymeister, age 55, joined us in January 2008 as our Vice President Sales & Marketing and was appointed an executive officer in March 2008. He has over 30 years of sales experience, including 12 years in sales management. From January 2003 until he joined us, Mr. Leymeister was vice president of sales for Steelscape, a coated sheet steel producer on the west coast. Prior to January 2003, he held various sales and sales management positions within Bethlehem Steel.

M. Michael Owens

Mr. Owens, age 56, joined us in August 2002 as our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. He has over 30 years of financial and accounting experience. Prior to joining us, Mr. Owens was vice president finance at Sunshine Mining and Refining Company, a silver mining company. Mr. Owens held various financial and accounting officer positions with Sunshine from 1983 to 2002.

Russell W. Riggs

Mr. Riggs, age 52, joined us in January 2006 as our Vice President Production and was appointed an executive officer in February 2006. He has over 25 years of experience in the lime and limestone industry. During 2005, he acted as a consultant for various engineering companies, and also as a project manager for a specialty minerals based company. Prior to 2005, Mr. Riggs held various plant and operations management positions with Chemical Lime Company.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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

Our board of directors consists of six directors. Upon the recommendation of the nominating and corporate governance committee, the board has determined that Messrs. Odishaw, Cardin, Doumet and Irmscher are independent within the meaning of Nasdaq rules. In making the determination that Mr. Doumet is independent, the committee and the board considered the fact that Mr. Doumet is the brother of Mr. George M. Doumet, who indirectly owns all of the outstanding shares of Inberdon. Mr. Byrne, our president and chief executive officer, and Mr. Hughes, a former executive officer, are not independent within the meaning of the Nasdaq rules.

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

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

Our board of directors as a whole has overall responsibility for risk oversight. The board is involved in major operational and financial decisions, looking to the appropriate board committees for decisions and recommendations in their areas of specific responsibilities. As discussed below, our audit committee oversees our financial reporting and

internal control, related-party transaction and whistleblower processes and procedures, while our compensation committee considers the impact of our executive compensation policies and practices on the risk profile of our company in making its compensation decisions. Our executive committee is chaired by our independent Chairman, and a majority of the committee consists of independent directors.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the board held four meetings, the nominating and corporate governance committee held one meeting, the audit committee held eight meetings and the compensation committee held two meetings. The executive committee did not meet during 2009. During 2009, each director attended at least

75% of the aggregate of (a) the total number of meetings held by the board and (b) the total number of meetings held by all committees on which he served. The board has a policy encouraging each director to attend our annual meeting of shareholders, and all of our directors attended the 2009 annual meeting. The board also has a policy that, in conjunction with each regularly scheduled meeting of the board, the independent directors will meet in executive session.

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

Our nominating and corporate governance committee (the nominating committee) is composed of Messrs. Doumet (chairman), Cardin, Irmscher and Odishaw, each of whom is an independent director. The primary purposes of the nominating committee are to identify and recommend individuals to serve as members of the board, to recommend to the board the duties, responsibilities, and members of each committee, and to assist the board with other matters to ensure effective corporate governance, including making independence and other determinations related to director qualifications. The nominating committee is responsible for administering the board's procedures for consideration of director nominees from shareholders and the board's process for shareholder communications with directors. The nominating committee will consider qualified candidates for nomination for election to the board recommended by our directors, officers and shareholders. In considering all such candidates, the nominating committee will take into account the candidate's experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, in light of the size, structure, composition, diversity and needs of the board, in the following areas: our industries; accounting and finance; business judgment; management; leadership; business strategy; risk management; and corporate governance. All candidates should have a reputation for integrity, have experience in positions with a high degree of responsibility, be leaders in the companies, institutions, or professions with which they have been affiliated, and be capable of making a sound contribution to the company. Shareholders wishing to recommend a director candidate for consideration by the nominating committee should send all relevant information with respect to the individual to the chairman of the committee in care of our secretary. Shareholders and other interested persons who wish to contact our directors on other matters should contact our secretary. Our secretary, who may be contacted by mail at our corporate address or by e-mail at uslime@uslm.com, forwards communications to the director(s) as addressed in such communication. The nominating committee has adopted a written charter, amended on February 26, 2010, which is available on our website located at <http://uslm.com/corpgov.htm>. The nominating committee reviews and assesses the adequacy of its charter on an annual basis.

Our audit committee is composed of Messrs. Cardin (chairman), Irmscher and Odishaw. Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, our board has determined that each member of the audit committee is independent and meets the other qualification standards set by law, regulation and applicable Nasdaq listing standards. Based on his past education, employment experience, and professional certification in public accounting, the board has determined that Mr. Cardin qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). The audit committee oversees the company's financial reporting and internal control processes on behalf of the board and is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm (independent auditors). The audit committee is also responsible for overseeing the administration of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is available on our website located at <http://uslm.com/corpgov.htm>; reviewing and approving all related-party transactions; and administering our procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting control and auditing matters and for the confidential anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, including our whistleblower procedures. Under our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our audit committee charter, we have written policies and procedures for the review and approval of related-party transactions. Proposed transactions with related persons and other

transactions, arrangements or relationships involving a director or executive officer that may involve potential conflicts of interest are to be submitted in advance to the audit committee for its review and approval, with any involved director or executive officer playing no role in the investigation and consideration of the matter. In considering whether to approve any such related-party transaction, including

with Inberdon and its affiliates, the audit committee would consider whether the transaction was in the best interests of the company and all of its shareholders; whether the same or a similar transaction were available to the company from unrelated third parties on equal or better terms; and whether the terms of the related-party transaction were negotiated at arms -length and were at least as favorable to the company as any other reasonably available transaction with another party. Advice from independent advisors, including formal fairness opinions, would be sought where appropriate. The audit committee has adopted a written charter, amended on February 24, 2010, which is available on our website located at <http://uslm.com/corpgov.htm>. The audit committee reviews and assesses the adequacy of the charter on an annual basis. The Report of the Audit Committee is set forth below.

Our compensation committee is composed of three independent directors, Messrs. Odishaw (chairman), Doumet and Irmscher. The compensation committee is responsible for the evaluation, approval, and administration of salary, incentive compensation, bonuses, benefit plans and other forms of compensation for our officers and directors, including how our compensation policies and practices relate to our risk management processes and procedures and risk-taking incentives consistent with our overall risk profile. The compensation committee is responsible for administering the 2001 Plan. The compensation committee adopted a written charter on March 26, 2010, which is available on our website located at <http://uslm.com/corpgov.htm>. The compensation committee will review and assess the adequacy of the charter on an annual basis. The Report of the Compensation Committee is set forth below.

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

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

In the performance of its oversight function, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the company's audited financial statements and internal control over financial reporting with management and the independent auditors. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114, *The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance* (AU Section 380), and Rule 2-07 of Regulation S-X, *Communication with Audit Committees*. In addition, the Audit Committee has received from the independent auditors the written disclosures concerning independence required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and discussed with them their independence from the company and its management. The Audit Committee has considered whether the independent auditors' provision of non-audit services

to the company is compatible with the auditors' independence.

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

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended, and the board of directors approved, the inclusion of the company's audited financial statements in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for filing with the SEC.

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

Richard W. Cardin, Chairman
Wallace G. Irmscher
Edward A. Odishaw

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

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

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

Base salaries for executive officers should be competitive.

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

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

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

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

The committee has not engaged an outside compensation consultant, but the company has utilized a compensation benchmarking tool provided by Equilar, Inc. Although the committee does not employ benchmarking, this tool allows comparison of the compensation of our executive officers with that of other comparable size non-durable manufacturing companies.

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

among different forms of cash compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation or between currently paid and long-term compensation, and has not sought to formally benchmark any components of our compensation against that of any other companies.

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

Mr. Byrne's base salary is reviewed annually for adjustment effective January 1. The base salaries of Messrs. Leymeister, Owens and Riggs are reviewed annually for adjustment effective April 1. Salary increases for Messrs. Byrne, Leymeister, Owens and Riggs in 2009 were 14.75%, 2.75%, 3.57% and 3.23%, respectively. Mr. Byrne's increase for 2009 resulted from his amended and restated employment agreement that was effective on January 1, 2009. The 2010 salary increase for Mr. Byrne was 2.86% effective January 1, 2010. Salary increases for the remaining executive officers in 2010 have not yet been determined. In determining salary increases, the primary factors considered are the executive officers' individual performances, the growth of the company, changes in their duties and responsibilities and the cost-of-living.

Annual Cash Bonuses. Each of our executive officers is eligible to receive annual cash bonuses based on discretionary determinations made by the committee. Except in the case of Mr. Byrne, we have not adopted a formal or informal annual bonus arrangement with pre-set performance goals. Rather, the committee's determination to pay a cash bonus, if any, is made after the year end based on the committee's subjective judgment with respect to the past performance of the individual and the company or on the attainment of non-quantified performance goals during the year. In either such case, the bonus may be based on the specific accomplishments of the individual or on the overall success of the company. Discretionary bonuses are paid after our earnings for the applicable year are released. The discretionary bonuses for 2009 paid in 2010 were awarded based on each executive officer's individual performance and accomplishments and the continued success of the company during 2009 and are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table.

In the case of Mr. Byrne, in addition to the possibility of a discretionary cash bonus in the subjective judgment of the committee, Mr. Byrne's employment agreement had provided for objective annual cash bonuses based on our EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) compared to certain EBITDA levels set forth in Mr. Byrne's agreement for each of 2007 and 2008, beginning at a bonus of \$100,000 if EBITDA was \$17,000,000 and increasing \$50,000 for each \$500,000 increase in EBITDA up to a maximum of the greater of \$250,000 or his base salary at December 31 of the year in respect of which the EBITDA bonus was being paid if EBITDA exceeded \$18,500,000.

Effective January 1, 2009, the company and Mr. Byrne entered into an amended and restated employment agreement, which included a cash performance bonus award agreement (the 2009 Agreement). Pursuant to the 2009 Agreement, and the amendment and restatement of our 2001 Plan which was approved by shareholders at the 2009 annual meeting, Mr. Byrne is entitled to an objective annual cash bonus opportunity based on our EBITDA (computed without regard to the effects of any awards granted under the 2001 Plan) of \$100,000 if EBITDA is \$22,000,000; \$175,000 if EBITDA is \$25,000,000; \$250,000 if EBITDA is \$27,000,000; \$300,000 if EBITDA is \$29,000,000; and the greater of \$350,000 or his base salary at the start of the performance year if EBITDA is equal to or greater than \$31,000,000, for each year while he is employed under his new employment agreement. Any such bonuses are

prorated between breakpoints. In 2009, our EBITDA as calculated under the 2009 Agreement exceeded \$31,000,000. As a result, we paid Mr. Byrne in 2010 a cash bonus for 2009 of \$350,000, equal to the amount of his 2009 base salary, under the 2009 Agreement. For 2010, Mr. Byrne's maximum cash bonus under the 2009 Agreement is \$360,000, equal to the amount of his base salary for 2010.

Stock-Based Awards. The committee also administers our 2001 Plan to provide stock-based incentives to our key employees, including executive officers. As noted above, our shareholders approved an amendment and restatement of the 2001 Plan at our 2009 annual meeting.

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

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

Our stock-based compensation policies have been impacted by the implementation of SFAS 123(R), which we adopted effective January 1, 2006 and is now referred to as FASB ASC Topic 718 (Topic 718). Generally, Topic 718 requires all stock-based payments to employees and directors, including grants of stock options and restricted stock, to be expensed based on their fair values over the vesting period. In December 2006, the committee determined that the amount required to be expensed for stock options was significantly greater than the amount of benefit optionees perceived they were receiving, especially in light of the increase in the price of our stock in recent years. Based on a review by the committee and management of recent trends in executive compensation, the fact that stock options are comparatively more dilutive to earnings than restricted stock, as well as the effects of Topic 718 noted above, the committee decided to change the stock-based component of our executive officer compensation program to be weighted more heavily toward the granting of shares of restricted stock.

Prior to his new employment agreement, Mr. Byrne's employment agreement provided for the grant to him of 7,500 options and 7,500 shares of restricted stock on the last business day of each calendar year. During the term of his new employment agreement, on the last business day of each fiscal year Mr. Byrne is entitled to at least (1) 7,500 stock options and (2) 8,000 shares of restricted stock in 2009, 8,500 in 2010, 9,000 in 2011, 9,500 in 2012 and 10,000 in 2013 and thereafter.

In February 2009 and 2010, the compensation committee granted shares of restricted stock, and no options, to the other executive officers as follows:

Name	Shares of Restricted Stock	
	2009	2010
David P. Leymeister	900	900
M. Michael Owens	750	750
Russell W. Riggs	1,200	1,000

Mr. Byrne's options vest immediately. His shares of restricted stock vest in two semi-annual installments. The shares of restricted stock granted to the other executive officers in 2009 and 2010 vest in three annual installments.

Tax Implications. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) generally limits the corporate income tax deduction for compensation paid to certain named executive officers to \$1 million per year, except for certain

qualified performance-based compensation. Options granted under our 2001 plan are intended to constitute performance-based compensation not subject to the Section 162(m) limitation. Prior to 2009, the committee and our board had not adopted a policy with regard to qualifying cash bonus awards that we paid to our executive officers, including the EBITDA cash bonuses paid to Mr. Byrne under his prior employment agreement, as performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) since that section had no impact on the company's ability to deduct those bonuses in prior years and only minimal impact in 2007 and 2008. With the increased reliance upon grants of shares of restricted stock (which are not performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m)) in our stock-based compensation component of our executive officer compensation program, the committee and our board determined in 2009 to include in the 2001 Plan a provision for dollar-denominated cash bonuses, including Mr. Byrnes's EBITDA bonus opportunities, that are intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m).

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth the cash and non-cash compensation earned by our President and Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and our two other executive officers for 2009, 2008 and 2007:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)(1)	Stock Award (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Change in Pension Value and Non-Equity Qualified Incentive Compensation			Total (\$)
						Plan Compensation (\$)(3)	Deferred Compensation (\$)(4)	Other Compensation (\$)(4)	
Timothy W. Byrne	2009	350,000	175,000	276,240	78,000	350,000	68,629		1,297,869
President and Chief Executive Officer	2008	305,000	175,000	179,625	46,725	305,000	46,183		1,057,533
David P. Leymeister(5)	2007	290,000	175,000	227,625	80,100	290,000	40,843		1,103,568
Vice President	2009	186,167	25,000	18,000			4,706		233,873
Sales & Marketing	2008	179,200	20,000	48,750			664		248,614
M. Michael Owens	2009	144,167	25,000	15,000			6,679		190,846
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2008	139,167	30,000	29,250			6,563		204,980
	2007	135,000	30,000	27,342			6,467		198,809
Russell W. Riggs	2009	159,167	40,000	24,000			6,764		229,931
Vice President	2008	153,167	40,000	48,750			5,325		247,242
Production	2007	144,000	40,000	45,570			3,767		233,337

(1) Reflects discretionary cash bonuses earned in the year shown, and paid the following year.

(2) Reflects the full grant date fair value with respect to restricted stock and stock options determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP). The method and assumptions used to determine the amount of expense recognized for restricted stock and stock options are set forth in Note 7 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(3) Reflects Mr. Byrne's EBITDA cash bonus earned in the year shown, and paid the following year.

(4) Includes company contributions to our 401(k) plan, the value attributable to personal use of company-provided automobiles and, for Mr. Byrne, dues for a country club membership and a \$50,000 (\$30,000 in each of 2008 and 2007) payment in lieu of our obligation to fund a life insurance, retirement or savings arrangement.

(5) Mr. Leymeister joined us in January 2008.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information with respect to non-equity incentive plan awards and restricted stock and stock option awards granted to the named executive officers during 2009:

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
		Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)					
Timothy W. Byrne	12/31/09					8,000		276,240	
	12/31/09	100,000		350,000			23.95	78,000	
David P. Leymeister	2/2/09				900			18,000	
M. Michael Owens	2/2/09				750			15,000	
Russell W. Riggs	2/2/09				1,200			24,000	

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth information with respect to stock option awards exercised by, and stock awards vested for, the named executive officers during 2009:

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Timothy W. Byrne	15,000	188,625	7,500	290,288
David P. Leymeister			300	6,315
M. Michael Owens	4,500	114,345	600	12,591
Russell W. Riggs	482	5,779	1,000	20,985

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table includes certain information with respect to the value of all unexercised options and unvested shares of restricted stock held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2009:

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Exercised Options (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Not Exercisable	Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Awards: or Number of Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Awards: or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Timothy W. Byrne	7,500			30.35	12/31/17	8,000(1)	276,240		
	7,500			34.53	12/31/19				
						1,200(2)	41,436		

David P. Leymeister				900(3)	31,077
M. Michael Owens		27.98	2/2/16	300(4)	10,359
	3,000			600(5)	20,718
				750(3)	25,898
Russell W. Riggs	7,018	27.98	2/2/16	500(4)	17,265
				1,000(5)	41,436
				1,200(3)	24,530

- (1) These shares of restricted stock will vest 50% on June 30, 2010 and 50% on December 31, 2010.
- (2) These shares of restricted stock vested 25% on February 1, 2010 and will vest 25% on each of February 1, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (3) These shares of restricted stock vested 33 1/3% on February 2, 2010 and will vest 33 1/3% on each of February 2, 2011 and 2012.
- (4) These shares of restricted stock vested on February 5, 2010.
- (5) These shares of restricted stock vested 50% on February 1, 2010 and will vest 50% on February 1, 2011.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information with respect to our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2009:

Plan Category	Number of Shares to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Shares Remaining Available for Future Grants
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	66,692	\$ 23.79	196,446
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
Total	66,692	\$ 23.79	196,446

Employment Agreement

Mr. Byrne's January 1, 2009 employment agreement provides for a base salary of at least \$350,000, which is to be reviewed annually. It also provides for a discretionary bonus to be determined by the compensation committee. In addition to the possibility of a discretionary cash bonus, Mr. Byrne is eligible to receive an annual objective cash bonus based on our EBITDA compared to certain levels set forth in the 2009 Agreement as discussed above. The new employment agreement also provides for grants of 7,500 options and 8,000 shares of restricted stock on the last business day of each year (increasing 500 shares of restricted stock per year during the initial five-year term of the agreement), an annual \$50,000 contribution to fund a life insurance, retirement or savings arrangement, a country club membership, the use of a company car, reimbursement of business expenses and participation in our 401(k) plan and other benefit programs on the same basis as our other salaried employees.

As set forth in the table below, in the event of a change in control of the company (as defined), Mr. Byrne is entitled to severance payments equal to three times his then-current annual base salary, benefits and bonuses (subject to the limits of Section 280G of the Code) if he voluntarily terminates his employment within nine months following the change in control or we terminate his employment without cause within two years following the change of control. Mr. Byrne is entitled to severance payments equal to two times his then-current annual base salary, benefits and bonuses if he is terminated without cause prior to or after two years following a change in control. Unless he provides us with three months' notice, Mr. Byrne is not entitled to any severance payments upon his voluntary termination (other than within nine months following a change in control); if he does provide us with such notice, he is entitled to severance equal to two months' base salary. Mr. Byrne's employment agreement contains certain post-termination covenants not to compete, confidentiality agreements and prohibitions against soliciting our customers and raiding our employees.

Mr. Byrne's employment agreement expires on December 31, 2013, and is thereafter renewable for successive one-year periods, unless the agreement is terminated earlier by him or us. Pursuant to Mr. Byrne's agreement, we have agreed to use our best efforts to cause Mr. Byrne to remain on the board and to be appointed a member of the

executive committee of the board.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control

Regardless of the manner in which an executive officer's employment terminates, including upon death, disability or termination for cause, he is entitled to receive amounts earned during his term of employment. Such amounts include:

salary through the date of termination;

stock-based compensation in which he has vested; and

unused vacation pay.

In addition, Mr. Byrne may be entitled to a proportional EBITDA cash bonus for the year of termination if termination occurs in the second half of the year.

The following table summarizes the estimated severance payments to be made under each employment agreement, plan or arrangement which provides for payments to an executive officer at, following or in connection with a termination of employment due to voluntary resignation, involuntary termination without cause, death or disability or change in control:

Employee	Voluntary Termination Without Change in Control (\$)	Involuntary Termination Without Change in Control (\$)	Death or Disability (\$)	Termination with Change in Control (\$)
Timothy W. Byrne				
Severance(1)	(2)	1,887,258(3)		2,830,887(4)(5)
Accelerated Vesting of Stock-Based Awards(6)			276,240	276,240(5)
David P. Leymeister				
Severance				
Accelerated Vesting of Stock-Based Awards(6)			72,513	72,513
M. Michael Owens				
Severance				
Accelerated Vesting of Stock-Based Awards(6)			56,975	56,975
Russell W. Riggs				
Severance				
Accelerated Vesting of Stock-Based Awards(6)			93,231	93,231

- (1) The estimated severance payments are based on Mr. Byrne's base salary at December 31, 2009 and his total cash bonuses received for 2009. Does not include any proportional EBITDA cash bonus to which he may be entitled for the year of termination if termination occurs in the second half of the year.
- (2) Does not include severance payment of two months' base salary to which Mr. Byrne would be entitled if he gave us three months' notice.
- (3) This severance payment is payable upon involuntary termination without cause prior to or after two years following a change in control.
- (4) This severance payment is payable upon voluntary termination within nine months following a change in control or involuntary termination without cause within two years following a change in control.

- (5) This payment is subject to being reduced to stay within the limits of Section 280G of the Code.
- (6) The estimated value of accelerated vesting of stock-based awards is based on the nonvested stock options and shares of restricted stock held by each executive officer as of December 31, 2009 and the closing per share market price of our common stock on December 31, 2009.

REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

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

Compensation Committee

Edward A. Odishaw, Chairman
Antoine M. Doumet
Wallace G. Irmscher

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

We use a combination of cash and stock-based awards to attract and retain qualified directors to serve on our board. In setting director compensation, we consider the significant amount of time that our directors expend in fulfilling their duties, as well as the skill-level required by us for members of our board.

The following table sets forth the current annual compensation for our directors who are not also employees:

Annual Retainer	\$ 15,000
Daily Meeting Fee	\$ 1,000
Telephonic Meeting Fee	\$ 500
Additional Annual Retainers:	
Audit Committee Chairman	\$ 12,000
Compensation Committee Chairman	\$ 5,000

Our non-employee directors are also granted annually, at their option, either 2,000 stock options or 700 shares of restricted stock under our 2001 Plan on the date of our annual meeting of shareholders. The options are granted at the closing per share market price of our common stock on the date of grant and vest immediately. The shares of restricted stock vest six months following the date of grant.

The following table summarizes the compensation paid to our non-employee directors during 2009:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (1) (\$)	Option Awards (1) (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Deferred Incentive		All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
				Compensation (\$)	Earnings (\$)		
Richard W. Cardin	41,000	26,390					67,390
Antoine M. Doumet	29,000		14,420				43,420
Wallace G. Irscher	29,000	26,390					55,390
Edward A. Odishaw	34,000	26,390					60,390

(1) Reflects the full grant date fair value with respect to restricted stock and stock options determined in accordance with US GAAP. The method and assumptions used to determine the amount of expense recognized for restricted stock and stock options are set forth in Note 7 to our consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2009, each non-employee director had the following number of stock options outstanding: Mr. Cardin, 2,000; Mr. Doumet, 14,000; Mr. Irscher, 2,000; and Mr. Odishaw, 0.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Fees for professional services provided by our independent auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, for 2009 and 2008, in each of the following categories, were as follows:

	2009	2008
Audit	\$ 316,313	\$ 219,760
Audit-Related	23,795	19,728
Tax		
Total	\$ 340,108	\$ 239,488

Audit Fees. Fees for audit services include fees associated with our annual audits and the reviews of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. For 2009, audit fees include the first audit of our internal control over financial reporting.

Audit-Related Fees. Audit-related fees principally include fees relating to an employee benefit plan audit and accounting consultations.

Tax Fees. Grant Thornton did not provide any tax services in 2009 or 2008.

Representatives of Grant Thornton are expected to be present at the annual meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The audit committee has adopted a pre-approval policy relating to the providing of services by our independent auditors. Under the committee's pre-approval procedures, all services to be provided by the auditors must be approved in advance by the committee. The committee has delegated to the chairman of the committee the authority to approve such services up to \$25,000 each in the case of either a change in the scope or cost of previously approved services, or an additional type of services that was not covered by a prior committee approval. The committee does not delegate any of its approval authority to management.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Shareholder proposals submitted to us under SEC Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for inclusion in our proxy statement for our 2011 annual meeting of shareholders must be received by us at our corporate office, 5429 LBJ Freeway; Suite 230; Dallas, Texas 75240, addressed to Timothy W. Byrne, President and Chief Executive Officer, not later than December 3, 2010. Such Rule 14a-8 shareholder proposals must comply with SEC rules.

We must receive notice of other matters, including non-Rule 14a-8 proposals, that shareholders may wish to raise at the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders by February 16, 2011. If we do not receive timely notice of such other matters, the persons designated as proxies for such meeting will retain general discretionary authority to vote on such matters under SEC rules. Such notices should also be addressed to Mr. Byrne at our corporate office.

OTHER MATTERS

The board does not intend to present any other matters at our 2010 annual meeting and knows of no other matters that will be presented. However, if any other matters properly come before the meeting, the persons designated as proxies on the enclosed proxy card intend to vote thereon in accordance with their best judgment.

The costs of solicitation of proxies for our annual meeting will be borne by us. Solicitation may be made by mail, personal interview, telephone, and/or facsimile by our officers and regular employees who will receive no additional compensation. We may specifically engage a firm to aid in our solicitation of proxies, for which services we would anticipate paying a standard reasonable fee plus out-of-pocket expenses. We will bear the reasonable expenses incurred by banks, brokerage firms, and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries in forwarding proxy materials to our beneficial owners.

UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC.

Timothy W. Byrne

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dallas, Texas
April 2, 2010

United States Lime & Minerals, Inc.

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Annual Meeting Proxy Card

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Election of Directors The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed below.

1. Nominees:	01 - T. W. Byrne 04 - W. G. Irscher	02 - R. W. Cardin 05 - E. A. Odishaw	03 - A. M. Doumet 06 - B. R. Hughes	+
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Mark here to vote FOR all nominees

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For All EXCEPT - To withhold authority to vote for any nominee(s), write the name(s) of such nominee(s) below.

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

B Non-Voting Items

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Proxy United States Lime & Minerals, Inc.

Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned hereby appoints Antoine M. Doumet and Timothy W. Byrne, and either of them, proxies, with power of substitution in each, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated below, all shares of Common Stock of UNITED STATES LIME & MINERALS, INC. standing in the name of the undersigned on March 19, 2010, at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 30, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas 75240, and at any adjournment thereof, and especially to vote on the item of business specified below, as more fully described in the Notice of the Annual Meeting dated April 2, 2010, and the Proxy Statement accompanying the same, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

You are encouraged to record your vote on the following item of business to be brought before the Annual Meeting, but you need not mark any box on this proxy card if you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendation. The proxies cannot vote your shares unless you sign, date, and return this proxy card. Remember, you can revoke your proxy by voting through the Internet or by telephone at a later date, by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person, or by submitting to the Company prior to the Annual Meeting, a written notice of revocation or a later dated signed proxy card.

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