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GRAINGER'S SHAREHOLDERS ELECT 10 DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 27, 2016 – At the Grainger (NYSE: GWW) annual shareholder meeting held in Lake Forest, Illinois, today, Grainger Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Ryan and Chief Operating Officer DG Macpherson provided an update on the state of the business and offered a recap of 2015 full year and 2016 first quarter performance. A copy of the speech is available at www.grainger.com/investor.

Shareholders re-elected the following directors:

Rodney C. Adkins
Brian P. Anderson
V. Ann Hailey
Stuart L. Levenick
Neil S. Novich

Michael J. Roberts
Gary L. Rogers
James T. Ryan
E. Scott Santi
James D. Slavik

In addition, the shareholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for the year 2016 and voted in favor of the advisory resolution on executive compensation.

About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2015 sales of \$10 billion, is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products](#), with operations also in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

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