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GRAINGER'S SHAREHOLDERS ELECT 10 DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 26, 2017 – Grainger (NYSE: GWW) held its annual shareholder meeting in Lake Forest, Illinois, today. Grainger Chairman Jim Ryan presided over the meeting and Chief Executive Officer D.G. Macpherson provided an update on the state of the business and offered a recap of 2016 full year and 2017 first quarter performance. A copy of the speech is available at www.grainger.com/investor.

Shareholders elected the following 10 directors:

Rodney C. Adkins
Brian P. Anderson
V. Ann Hailey
Stuart L. Levenick
D.G. Macpherson

Neil S. Novich
Michael J. Roberts
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 2017. Relative to Say on Pay, shareholders voted in favor of the advisory resolution on executive compensation and voted for one year as the preferred frequency for the advisory vote.

About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2016 sales of \$10.1 billion, is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products \(MRO\)](#), with operations also in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

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