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**TEN DIRECTORS SLATED FOR GRAINGER'S BOARD TO BE VOTED ON AT  
THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 30, 2014**

CHICAGO, February 19, 2014 – The Board of Directors of W.W. Grainger, Inc. (NYSE: GWW) today selected a slate of nominees to serve for the 2014 – 2015 period. The ten candidates, all current board members, to be voted on at the annual meeting are:

Brian P. Anderson  
V. Ann Hailey  
William K. Hall  
Stuart L. Levenick  
Neil S. Novich  
Michael J. Roberts  
Gary L. Rogers  
James T. Ryan  
E. Scott Santi  
James D. Slavik

John W. McCarter, Jr. will not stand for re-election. Mr. McCarter has been a board member of Grainger since 1990 and served as a member of the Board Affairs and Nominating Committee and the Compensation Committee.

Grainger Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Ryan said, "On behalf of The Board of Directors, I would like to thank John W. McCarter, Jr. for his strategic insight, bold thinking and valuable contributions to Grainger over the past 24 years."

W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2013 sales of \$9.4 billion, is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products](#), with operations in Asia, Europe and Latin America.

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