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GRAINGER'S SHAREHOLDERS ELECT 10 DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 30, 2014 – At the Grainger (NYSE: GWW) annual shareholder meeting held in Lake Forest, Illinois, today, Grainger Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Ryan provided an update on the state of the business and a recap of 2013 full year and 2014 first quarter performance. A copy of his speech is available at www.grainger.com/investor.

Shareholders re-elected the following 10 directors:

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

In addition, the shareholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for the year 2014 and voted in favor of the advisory resolution on executive compensation.

About Grainger

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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