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ALAMO GROUP INC.  
1627 East Walnut Street  
Seguin, Texas 78155

Dear Fellow Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Alamo Group Inc., to be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. local time, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 600 E. Market Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205. We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting. Matters on which action will be taken at the meeting are explained in detail in the notice of meeting and proxy statement accompanying this letter.

In addition to the specific matters to be acted upon, there will be a report on the progress of the Company and an opportunity for questions of general interest to the stockholders.

Whether or not you expect to be present and regardless of the number of shares you own, please mark, sign and mail the enclosed proxy in the envelope provided as soon as possible. Stockholders may also vote through the Internet or by telephone. If you attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy and vote in person.

Thank you for your support. We hope to see you at the meeting.

/s/ James B. Skaggs  
James B. Skaggs  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
March 22, 2012

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD MAY 3, 2012

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To the Stockholders of  
Alamo Group Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Alamo Group Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 600 E. Market Street, San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. local time, for the following purposes:

- (1) to elect seven (7) directors to the Board of Directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified;
- (2) to ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the 2012 fiscal year;
- (3) to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Company, the Board of Directors fixed the record date for the meeting as March 21, 2012. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date will be entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Stockholders who do not expect to attend the meeting in person are urged to sign the enclosed proxy and return it promptly. A return envelope is enclosed for that purpose. Stockholders may also vote through the Internet or by telephone. Instructions for voting through the Internet or by telephone are included on the proxy card.

A complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder, shall be open to the examination by any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours, for a period of at least ten business days prior to the meeting, commencing April 19, 2012, at the offices of the Company's Counsel, which is Strasburger Price Oppenheimer Blend, located at 711 Navarro, Suite 600, San Antonio, Texas 78205-1796.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
/s/ Robert H. George  
Robert H. George  
Secretary

Dated: March 22, 2012



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## PROXY STATEMENT

The accompanying Proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors (the “Board of Directors” or the “Board”) of Alamo Group Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company,” “we,” “our,” or “us”), to be voted at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held on May 3, 2012, and at any meeting scheduled as a result of any adjournments thereof. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 600 E. Market Street, San Antonio, Texas. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying Proxy are being mailed to stockholders on or about April 4, 2012. The Annual Report of the Company for fiscal 2011 including audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, and a proxy card are enclosed.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on May 3, 2012: Our Proxy Statement and our Annual Report, which includes our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, are available free of charge on our website at: [www.alamo-group.com/investor\\_relations/financial\\_reports.html](http://www.alamo-group.com/investor_relations/financial_reports.html).

## VOTING AND PROXIES

Only holders of record of common stock, par value \$.10 per share (“Common Stock”), of the Company at the close of business on March 21, 2012 (the “Record Date”) shall be entitled to vote at the meeting. There were 20,000,000 authorized shares of Common Stock and 11,874,779 shares of Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date. Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. Any stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke the same at any time prior to its use by giving notice in person or in writing to the Secretary of the Company.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock is necessary to constitute a quorum at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any adjournment thereof.

### Votes Required to Approve a Proposal

Each director will be elected by a majority of the votes cast with respect to such director. A “majority of the votes cast” means that the number of votes cast “for” a director exceeds the number of votes cast “against” that director. Under Delaware law, if the director is not elected at the annual meeting, the director will continue to serve on the Board as a “holdover director.” As required by the Company's Bylaws, each director has submitted an irrevocable letter of resignation as director that becomes effective if he or she is not elected by stockholders and the Board accepts the resignation. If a director is not elected, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will consider the director's resignation and recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject the resignation. The Board will decide whether to accept or reject the resignation and publicly disclose its decision and, if it rejects the resignation, the rationale behind the decision, within 90 days after the election results are certified.

The ratification of KPMG LLP's appointment as the Company's independent auditor requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the annual meeting and entitled to vote thereat.

Votes cast by proxy or in person at the Annual Meeting will be tabulated by the inspectors of election appointed by the Company for the meeting. The inspectors of election will treat abstentions and broker non-votes as shares that are present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions may be specified on all proposals. Abstentions are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the approval of any matter submitted to the

stockholders for a vote and will thus have the same effect as a negative vote on the proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP. Shares voting “abstain” on any nominee for director will be excluded from the vote and will have no effect on the election of directors. If a broker indicates on a proxy that it does not have the discretionary authority as to certain shares to vote on a particular matter, those shares will not be considered present and entitled to vote with respect to that matter.

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## BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK

Listed in the following table are the only beneficial owners that the Company is aware of as of February 28, 2012, of more than five percent of the Company's outstanding Common Stock. In addition, this table includes the outstanding voting securities beneficially owned by the Company's directors, its executive officers that are listed in the Summary Compensation Table, and by its directors and executive officers as a group as of February 28, 2012. Unless indicated otherwise below, the address of each person named on the table below is: c/o Alamo Group Inc., 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155.

Beneficial Owner of Common Stock	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>(2)</sup>
Capital Southwest Corporation 12900 Preston Road, Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75230	2,839,500	(3)(8)(9)(12) 23.91 %
Duroc LLC c/o Brian Gilbert Gould & Ratner LLP 222 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60601	1,700,000	(4)(12) 14.31%
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP Palisades West, Building One 6300 Bee Cave Road Austin, TX 78746	961,853	(5) 8.1%
Third Avenue Management LLC 622 Third Avenue, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10017	736,115	(6) 6.2%
Gary L. Martin	2,839,500	(3)(8)(9) *
Ronald A. Robinson	211,075	(7) 1.78%
Jerry E. Goldress	52,200	(8)(9) *
James B. Skaggs	31,300	(8)(9) *
David W. Grzelak	11,700	(8)(9) *
Roderick R. Baty	6,500	(9)(10)(11) *
Helen W. Cornell	3,000	(9)(10)(11) *
Geoffrey Davies	31,150	(7) *





Robert H. George	26,650	(7)	*
Dan E. Malone	24,800	(7)	*
Richard J. Wehrle	23,540	(7)	*
Richard D. Pummell	15,400	(7)	*
Donald C. Duncan	12,400	(7)	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (13 Persons)	3,277,715	(3)(7)(8)	27.6%

\* Less than 1% of class.

(1) In each case the beneficial owner has sole voting and investment power, except as otherwise provided herein.

(2) The calculation of percent of class is based on the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of February 28, 2012, being 11,874,779 shares.

(3) Includes shares owned by Capital Southwest Corporation ("Capital Southwest") (170,300 shares), and its subsidiary Capital Southwest Venture Corporation (2,660,000 shares). Mr. Martin, a director of the Company, serves as Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of both Capital Southwest Venture Corporation and Capital Southwest. Mr. Martin has shared voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Common Stock owned by Capital Southwest Venture Corporation and Capital Southwest. Mr. Martin personally disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

(4) Based on Schedule 13D dated October 29, 2009, by which Duroc LLC and Henry Crown and Company ("HC&Co") reported that on October 22, 2009, they had shared voting power over 1,700,000 shares, had sole voting power over none of the shares and had shared dispositive powers over 1,700,000 shares. Duroc LLC and HC&Co have beneficial ownership in 1,700,000 shares as of October 22, 2009.

(5) Based on Amendment No. 8 to Schedule 13G dated February 10, 2012, by which Dimensional Fund Advisors LP reported that as of December 31, 2011, it had shared voting power over none of such shares, had sole voting power over 939,792 shares and had sole dispositive power over 939,839 shares. Dimensional Fund Advisor LP reported beneficial ownership in 961,853 shares as of December 31, 2011.

(6) Based on a Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2012, by which Third Avenue Management LLC ("TAM") reported that on December 31, 2011, it or any of TAM's small cap funds had shared voting power over none of such shares, had sole voting power and had sole dispositive power over 736,115 shares. TAM reported beneficial ownership of 736,115 shares as of December 31, 2011.

(7) Includes: shares available for exercise under various stock options as follows: 45,000 shares for Mr. Robinson; 24,800 shares for Mr. Malone; 19,800 shares for Mr. George; 19,800 shares for Mr. Wehrle; 29,050 shares for Mr. Davies; 10,400 shares for Mr. Duncan; and 15,400 shares for Mr. Pummell.

(8) Includes: shares available for exercise under a non-qualified stock options as follows: 9,700 shares for Mr. Grzelak; 7,200 shares for Mr. Martin; 7,000 shares for Mr. Skaggs; and 8,700 shares for Mr. Goldress.

(9) Includes unvested restricted stock awards that have power to vote and receive dividends as follows: 2,000 shares each for Ms. Cornell, Mr. Goldress, Mr. Grzelak, Mr. Martin and Mr. Skaggs; 1,500 shares for Mr. Baty.

(10) Includes 5,000 shares for Mr. Baty and 1,000 shares for Ms. Cornell purchased on the open market.

(11) Ms. Cornell was appointed director of the Company on March 10, 2011 and Mr. Baty was appointed director of the Company on August 3, 2011 .

(12) On March 12, 2012, pursuant to preexisting contractual obligations with Capital Southwest and Duroc LLC, we filed a registration statement covering the shares of our common stock beneficially owned by Capital Southwest and Duroc.

## PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Bylaws of the Company provide that the number of directors which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Currently, the size of the Board of Directors has been fixed at seven (7) directors.

Each director elected at the Annual Meeting will serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until a successor is elected and qualified. Unless otherwise instructed, shares represented by properly executed proxies in the accompanying form will be voted for the individuals nominated by the Board of Directors set forth below. Although the Board of Directors anticipates that the listed nominees will be able to serve, if at the time of the meeting any such nominee is unable or unwilling to serve, such shares may be voted at the discretion of the proxy holders for a substitute nominee. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors recommended the individuals listed below to the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors nominated them. Certain information concerning such nominees, including all positions with the Company and principal occupations during the last five years, is set forth below.

We have provided below information about our nominees, all of whom are incumbent directors, including their ages, years of service as directors, and business experience. We have also included information about each nominee's specific

experience, qualifications, attributes, or skills that led the board to conclude that he/she should serve as one of our directors in light of our business and structure.

All of our nominees bring to our board extensive management and leadership experience gained through their service as executives and, in several cases, chief executive officers or chief financial officers of diverse businesses. In these executive roles, they have taken hands-on, day-to-day responsibility for strategy and operations, including management of capital, risk and business cycles. In addition, several nominees bring private and public company board experience - either significant experience on other boards or long service on our board - that broadens their knowledge of board policies and processes, rules and regulations, issues and solutions.

#### NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald A. Robinson, age 59, has been President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company since 1999. Mr. Robinson previously was President of Svedala Industries, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of Svedala Industries AB of Malmo, Sweden, a leading manufacturer of equipment and systems for the worldwide construction, mineral processing and materials handling industries. Mr. Robinson joined Svedala in 1992 when it acquired Denver Equipment Company of which he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Robinson is our CEO and has a deep knowledge and understanding of our Company and our lines of business. Mr. Robinson has demonstrated his leadership abilities and his commitment to our company since he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer and director in 1999.

Roderick R. Baty, age 58, was appointed a director of the Company on August 3, 2011. Mr. Baty is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NN, Inc. (NASDAQ:NNBR), a publicly owned global manufacturer of high-quality bearing components, industrial rubber and plastic products and precision metal components serving a variety of markets, including the automotive industry, original equipment manufacturers, HVAC, heavy equipment and many other industrial end markets. Mr. Baty joined NN in 1995 as Vice President of Sales and Marketing/Chief Financial Officer and was elected to the Board of Directors. In 1997 he was named President and Chief Executive Officer and elected Chairman of the Board in 2001. Prior to joining NN, Mr. Baty served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Hoover Precision Products from 1990 to 1995. Mr. Baty brings to the Board senior executive leadership experience in the areas of public company governance, operational, financial and strategic management within industrial and manufacturing companies.

Helen W. Cornell, age 53, was appointed director of the Company on March 10, 2011. Ms. Cornell retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Gardner Denver, Inc. in November of 2010. Gardner Denver, Inc. is a leading global manufacturer of highly engineered products, including compressors, liquid ring pumps, and blowers for various industrial, medical, environmental, transportation and process applications. Ms. Cornell was first employed by a predecessor company of Gardner Denver, Inc. in May of 1988, was promoted to an officer position when Gardner Denver, Inc. became a separate entity in November of 1993, and served in various executive positions with Gardner Denver, Inc. and its subsidiaries from 1993 until her retirement in 2010. Ms. Cornell's extensive experience as chief financial officer of Gardner Denver, Inc., a public company, brings valuable operational and financial experience to our Board.

Jerry E. Goldress, age 81, has been a director of the Company since 2000 and is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Grisanti, Galef & Goldress, Inc. ("GGG"), a turnaround management consulting firm. Mr. Goldress has been with GGG since 1973 and has been its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 1981. In his consulting capacity, he has been President of more than one hundred manufacturing, distribution and retail organizations. Mr. Goldress' experience as a management consultant brings a broad understanding of the strategic priorities of diverse industries, coupled with extensive knowledge of operational, financial and strategic issues facing public and private companies.

David W. Grzelak, age 62, has been a director of the Company since August 2006 and has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Komatsu America Corporation since April 2002. Komatsu America Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Komatsu Ltd., a global company incorporated in Japan that engages in the manufacturing, development, marketing and sale of a diversified range of industrial-use products and services. Komatsu America Corporation manufactures and markets Komatsu lines of hydraulic excavators, wheel loaders, crawler dozers, off-highway trucks and motor graders. Mr. Grzelak brings to the Board valuable insights on distribution, marketing and sales of the Company's products as well as operational and financial expertise.

Gary L. Martin, age 65, has been a director of the Company since May 2007. In 2008, Mr. Martin was elected Chairman of the Board of Capital Southwest Corporation, a publicly owned venture capital investment company located in Dallas, Texas. In 2007, he was elected President and CEO of Capital Southwest Corporation, where he served as Vice President since 1992 and as a Director since 1988. From 1979 through April 2007, Mr. Martin was Chief Executive Officer and President of The

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Whitmore Manufacturing Company, which is a specialty manufacturer of lubricants and coatings for industrial applications. Capital Southwest Corporation directly or indirectly owns 100% of Whitmore Manufacturing Company. Mr. Martin's daily experience leading a public company equips him to understand and guide management decisions and actions related to planning, risk management, investor relations, marketing and capital management. Mr. Martin has also demonstrated success in his business and leadership skills serving as chief executive officer and president of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company.

James B. Skaggs, age 74, has been a director of the Company since 1996 and was appointed as Chairman of the Board in May 2011. Mr. Skaggs retired as Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of Tracor, Inc. in June 1998. Tracor provided technology products and services to governmental and commercial customers worldwide in the areas of information systems, aerospace, defense and systems engineering. Mr. Skaggs was Tracor's Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director since November 1990 and its Chairman of the Board since December 1993. Mr. Skaggs' extensive experience as chairman, chief executive officer and president of a public company demonstrates his leadership capability and business acumen. In addition, Mr. Skaggs brings public company operational, financial and corporate governance experience to our Board of Directors.

The following table shows the current membership of each Committee of the Board and the number of meetings held by each Committee during 2011:

	Compensation Committee	Audit Committee	Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee
James B. Skaggs*			
Roderick R. Baty*		X	X
Helen W. Cornell	X	Chair	
Jerry E. Goldress	X	X	Chair
David W. Grzelak	X	X	X
Gary L. Martin	Chair		X
Ronald A. Robinson			
Number of Fiscal 2011 Meetings	2	4	3

\* Upon appointment in August Mr. Baty replaced Mr. Skaggs as a member on the Audit and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTORS

None of the nominees for director or the executive officers of the Company has a family relationship with any of the other executive officers or other nominees for director. Mr. Martin is a director and Chairman of the Board of both Capital Southwest Corporation and Heelys, Inc. He is also Chair of the Compensation Committee at Heelys. Mr. Goldress is a director of Rockford Corporation and he serves on its Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. Ms. Cornell is a director of Owensboro Grain Co. LLC and she serves as Chair of the Audit Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee. Ms. Cornell is also a director of Hillenbrand, Inc., a publicly traded company (NYSE:HI) where she serves as a member of the Audit Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee. Except as disclosed above, none of the directors or nominees is a director or has been a director over the past five years of any other company which has a class of securities registered under, or is required to file reports under, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or of any company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Non-management directors may meet in executive session, without the Chief Executive Officer, at any time, and there are regularly scheduled non-management executive sessions at each meeting of the Board of Directors and Committees thereof. The Chairman of the Board and the Chair of each Committee preside over their respective executive sessions.

In determining independence, each year the Board affirmatively determines whether each director has any “material relationships” with the Company other than as a director. When assessing the “materiality” of a director's relationship with the Company, the Board considers all relevant facts and circumstances, not merely from the director's standpoint, but from that of the persons or organizations with which the director has an affiliation, and the frequency or regularity of the services, whether the services are being carried out at arm's length in the ordinary course of business and whether the services are being provided substantially on the same terms to the Company as those prevailing at the time from unrelated parties for comparable transactions.

The Board of Directors has determined that all of the current directors except Mr. Robinson, President and CEO, have no material relationships with the Company or its auditors and are independent within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) listing standards on director independence and the director independence standards established under the Company's Corporate Governance, which are available at [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the “Our Commitment” tab. However, the Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Martin, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Capital Southwest Corporation, cannot chair or be a voting member of the Audit Committee because, in his capacity at Capital Southwest Corporation, he has the authority to vote more than 20% of the Company's outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Donald J. Douglass retired as Chairman of the Company in May 2011 and at that time was formally recognized as "Founder and Chairman Emeritus" based on his leadership and contributions to the Company. Mr. Douglass retired in 1999 as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and receives a supplemental retirement benefit until June 2014. Since 2003, Mr. Douglass was deemed independent by the Board of Directors.

If you and other interested parties wish to communicate with the Board of Directors of the Company, you may send correspondence to the Corporate Secretary, Alamo Group Inc., 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155. The Secretary will submit your correspondence to the Board or to the appropriate Committee or Board member, as applicable. The Board's policy regarding stockholder communication with the Board of Directors is available at [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the “Our Commitment” tab.

We entered into an Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of October 22, 2009, with Duroc LLC (formerly known as “Bush Hog, LLC”), pursuant to which Duroc LLC has the right for a period of three years from the date of that agreement to nominate a director to our Board of Directors, or if no nomination is sought, name a non-voting board observer. Duroc LLC has appointed a non-voting board observer who, among other rights and with certain restrictions, is entitled to attend all meetings of our Board of Directors as an observer.

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with non-management directors of the Board by sending their correspondence to the Chairman of the Board, Alamo Group Inc., 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155.

The Board has delegated some of its authority to three Committees of the Board of Directors. These are the Audit Committee, Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, and Compensation Committee. All three Committees have published charters on the Company's website [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the “Our Commitment” tab.

Vote required. Each director will be elected by a majority of the votes cast with respect to such director. All proxies will be voted “FOR” these nominees unless a contrary choice is indicated. Shares voting “abstain” on any nominee for director will be excluded from the vote and will have no effect on the election of directors.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS APPROVED THE SLATE OF DIRECTORS AND RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION OF ALL SEVEN NOMINEES, WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS PROPOSAL NO. 1 ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY.**

#### **MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, the Board held eight meetings. Each director attended 100% of the total number of meetings of the Board and Committees on which the director served during 2011 with the exception of Mr. Grzelak who attended 88% of the meetings of the Board of Directors. Mr. Grzelak missed a conference call meeting in January of the Board of Directors due to an unavoidable business conflict. It is a policy of the Board that all directors attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. All of our directors attended the Annual Meeting of



Stockholders in May 2011.

#### BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

The Board does not have a policy on whether the same person should serve as both the CEO and Chairman of the Board or, if the roles are separate, whether the chairman should be selected from the non-employee directors or should be an employee. The Board believes that it should have the flexibility to make these determinations at any given point in time in the way that it believes best to provide appropriate leadership for the Company at that time.

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Currently, Mr. Skaggs serves as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Robinson serves as CEO. The CEO is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Company and the day-to-day leadership and performance of the Company, while the Chairman of the Board provides guidance to the CEO and sets the agenda for Board meetings and presides over meetings of the full Board. The Board believes that its current leadership structure is appropriate at this time.

#### THE BOARD ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT

The Board has an active role in overseeing management of the Company's risk. The Board regularly reviews information regarding the Company's operational, financial, legal and regulatory, strategic and reputational risks which is usually conveyed to the Board by the senior management of the Company or by one of the Board's Committees. Because overseeing risk is an ongoing process and inherent in the Company's strategic decisions, the Board also discusses risk throughout the year at other meetings in relation to specific proposed actions.

The Board has delegated certain risk management oversight responsibility to the Board committees. The Audit Committee oversees risks related to the Company's accounting, auditing, reporting, financial practices (including the integrity of the Company's financial statements), administration and financial controls and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee also reviews and discusses the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Compensation Committee oversees risks relating to the Company's compensation, incentive compensation, and equity-based compensation plans. The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee oversees risks relating to the composition and organization of the Board.

The Company believes that its leadership structure also enhances the risk oversight function of the Board. Our Chairman and our CEO regularly discuss material risks facing the Company with management and other members of the Board. Our CEO, as a member of the Board, is also expected to report candidly to his fellow directors on his assessment of the material risks the Company faces, based upon the information he receives as part of his management responsibilities. Both our Chairman and our CEO are well-equipped to lead Board discussions on risk issues.

#### THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

In January 2011, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors consisted of Messrs. Skaggs (Interim Chair), Goldress, and Grzelak. In May 2011, Ms. Cornell was appointed Chair and Messrs. Goldress, Grzelak and Skaggs were reappointed. In August, Mr. Baty replaced Mr. Skaggs on the Committee. The Committee met four times during fiscal 2011. All Committee members were present at the meetings. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee include, among other things, to:

- appoint, approve compensation and oversee the work of the independent auditor;
- review at least annually a report by the independent auditor describing the firm's internal control procedures and any material issues raised by the most recent internal control review;
- preapprove all audit services and associated fees by the independent auditors;
- preapprove all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditor;
- review the independence of the independent auditor;
- review scope of audit and resolve any difficulties or disagreements with management encountered during the audit or any interim periods;
- review and discuss with management and the independent auditor the annual audit and quarterly financial statements of the Company;
- recommend to the Board that the financial statements be included in the Annual Report Form 10-K and in the quarterly reports on form 10-Q, in both cases, as reviewed;
- review adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls;
- review adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and management reports thereon;
- approve the scope of the internal auditor's audit plan;

- review and approve earnings press releases, financial information and earnings guidance, if any;
- review financial risk assessment presented by management;
- oversee the Company's compliance systems with respect to legal and regulatory requirements, review the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and monitor compliance with such code;

— review complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters, including a way to report anonymously;

— review the Company's adherence to regulations for the hiring of employees and former employees of the independent auditor; and

— review and evaluate annually the qualifications, performance and independence of the lead partner of the independent auditor and assure regular rotation of the lead audit partner as required by law.

The Audit Committee reports to the Board on its activities and findings.

The Board has determined that under current NYSE listing standards all members of the Committee are financially literate, are "Audit Committee financial experts," and are independent under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and NYSE listing requirements, and that each has accounting or related financial management expertise as required by the NYSE listing standards. The Committee's Charter and Corporate Governance Guidelines, which have been approved by the Board, are reviewed at least annually and may be viewed on the Company's website [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the "Our Commitment" tab.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee is currently comprised of four independent members of the Company's Board of Directors. Each member of the Audit Committee is independent under applicable law and NYSE listing requirements. The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set forth in the Audit Committee Charter, which the Board of Directors adopted on May 1, 2000, and reviews on an annual basis.

The Audit Committee oversees the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the system of internal control over financial reporting. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in fiscal 2011, the Committee reviewed and discussed the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and the audited financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, with management, including the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant adjustments, and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements.

The Committee reviewed with management and with the independent auditors, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed by the independent auditors with the Committee under generally accepted auditing standards (including Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61). In addition, the Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding independent accountant communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence as described in Item 407(d)(3)(i) of Regulation S-K, and considered the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors' independence.

The Committee discussed with the independent auditors the overall scope and plans for their audit. They also discussed with management and the internal auditor the overall scope and plans for the Company's assessment of internal control. The Committee meets with the independent auditors and the internal auditor, with and without

management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting. The Committee met four times during fiscal 2011. All Committee members were present at the meetings.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors (and the Board approved) that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, for filing with the SEC. The Audit Committee also recommended, subject to stockholder ratification, the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year 2012. Audit, audit-related and any permitted non-audit services provided to the Company by KPMG LLP are subject to preapproval by the Audit Committee.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Helen W. Cornell, Chair  
Roderick R. Baty, Member  
Jerry E. Goldress, Member  
David W. Grzelak, Member

## THE NOMINATING/CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

In January 2011, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee consisted of Messrs. Goldress (Chair), Grzelak, Martin and Skaggs, and they were reappointed in May 2011. In August 2011, Mr. Baty replaced Mr. Skaggs as a member of the Committee. During 2011, the Committee held three meetings. All Committee members were present at the meetings. The Committee has the responsibility, among other things, to:

- evaluate director candidates and has sole authority to retain a search firm in that effort, approve its fees and scope of service;
- recommend to the Board of Directors nominees for Board election by the stockholders based upon their qualifications, knowledge, skills, expertise, experience and diversity;
- review Board composition to reflect the appropriate balance of knowledge, skills, expertise, experience and diversity;
- review size of the Board and the frequency and structure of Board meetings;
- recommend to the Board establishment, elimination, size and composition of standing Committees;
- review, at least annually, the Company's Code of Business Conduct & Ethics;
- oversee and establish procedures for the annual evaluation of the Board and management;
- evaluate Board and management performance; and
- develop, recommend to the Board and review annually a set of corporate governance guidelines.

The Board of Directors has determined that the members of the Committee are independent under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and NYSE listing requirements. The Committee's Charter and the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines are reviewed at least annually and may be viewed on the Company's website [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the "Our Commitment" tab.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders. The Committee's Policy Regarding Director Candidates Recommended by Shareholders, the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines (including our standards of director independence), the charters of our Board Committees, and the Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics are on our website [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the "Our Commitment" tab and are available in print at no charge to any stockholder who requests them by writing to Corporate Secretary, Alamo Group Inc., 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155.

Any stockholder of the Company who complies with the notice procedures set forth below and is a stockholder of record at the time such notice is delivered to the Company may make a director recommendation for consideration by the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. A stockholder may make recommendations at any time, but recommendations for consideration as nominees at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received not less than 120 days before the first anniversary of the date of the proxy statement released to stockholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. Therefore, to submit a candidate for consideration for nomination at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, a stockholder must have submitted the recommendation, in writing, by December 3, 2011. The written notice must demonstrate that it is being submitted by a stockholder of the Company and include information about each proposed director candidate, including name, age, business address, principal occupation, principal qualifications and other relevant biographical information. In addition, the stockholder must provide

confirmation of each candidate's consent to serve as a director. A stockholder must send recommendations to the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee, Alamo Group Inc., 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee identifies, evaluates and recommends director candidates to the Board of Directors. In identifying and recommending nominees for positions on the Board of Directors, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee places primary emphasis on (i) judgment, character, expertise, skills and knowledge useful to the oversight of our business; (ii) diversity of viewpoints, backgrounds, experiences and other demographics; (iii) business or

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other relevant experience; and (iv) the extent to which the interplay of the nominee's expertise, skills, knowledge and experience with that of other members of the Board will build a board that is active, collegial and responsive to the needs of the Company. Although diversity may be a consideration in the Committee's process, the Committee and the Board of Directors do not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. Nominees are not discriminated against on the basis of gender, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other basis prescribed by law.

Upon identifying a director candidate, the Committee initially determines the need for additional or replacement Board members and evaluates all the director candidates under the criteria described above, based on the information the Committee receives with the recommendation or otherwise possesses, which may be supplemented by certain inquiries. If the Committee determines, in consultation with other Board members including the Chair, that a more comprehensive evaluation is warranted, the Committee may then obtain additional information about the director candidate's background and experience, including by means of interviews. The Committee will then evaluate the director candidate further, again using the evaluation criteria described above. The Committee receives input on such director candidates from other directors, and recommends director candidates to the full Board of Directors for nomination. The Committee may engage a third party to assist in the search for director candidates or to assist in gathering information regarding a director candidate's background and experience. If the Committee engages a third party, the Committee approves the fee that the Company pays for these services.

The Committee engaged an independent third party executive search firm in 2010. The purpose of the search was twofold: to identify a replacement for Mr. Morris and for the possible expansion of the Board to eight members. As a result of Mr. Douglass' decision to retire, this second search was used to fill his vacancy as a director. The Company incurred an expense of \$11,000 in 2011 and \$27,000 in 2010 related to these searches.

Mr. Baty was identified by the executive search firm as a potential candidate to the Board. The members of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee recommended his election to the Board at the August 2011 Board meeting to the full Board of Directors. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Mr. Baty effective August 3, 2011.

#### THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

In January 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors consisted of Messrs. Skaggs (Chair), Goldress, Grzelak and Martin. Messrs. Martin (Chair), Goldress, Grzelak and Ms. Cornell were appointed in May 2011. The Committee met two times during fiscal 2011. All Committee members were present at the meetings. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee include, among other things, to:

- review and approve, at least annually, the goals and objectives relevant to the CEO compensation and the structure of the Company's plans for executive compensation, incentive compensation, equity-based compensation and its general compensation, and employee benefit plans, and make recommendations to the Board;
- evaluate annual performance of the CEO in light of the goals of the Company's executive compensation plans, and recommend his or her compensation based on this evaluation;
- in consultation with the CEO, review, evaluate and recommend to the Board the compensation of all executive officers and key managers;
- evaluate and recommend to the Board compensation of directors for Board and Committee service;
- review and recommend to the Board any severance agreement made with any executive officer;
- review and recommend to the Board the amount and terms of all individual stock options;
- review and recommend to the Board all equity-based compensation plans that are subject to stockholder approval; and
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approve and issue the annual report on executive compensation required by the SEC for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement.

The Compensation Committee may delegate its duties and responsibilities to subcommittees as it deems necessary and advisable. The role of our executive officers in determining compensation is discussed below under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis." The Compensation Committee has authority under its charter to retain, at the Company's expense, such consultants and other advisers as it deems necessary to assist it in the fulfillment of its duties. The Committee did not retain a compensation consultant in 2011.

The Board of Directors has determined that the members of the Committee are independent under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and NYSE listing requirements. The Committee's Charter and the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines are reviewed at least annually and may be viewed on the Company's website [www.alamo-group.com](http://www.alamo-group.com) under the "Our Commitment" tab.

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At the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Company received over 90% approval on the non-binding ("Say-On-Pay") Proposal on the Compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and Named Executive Officers. The impact of the vote supports the Company's ongoing compensation package. We also received a majority vote on our proposal to review Say-On-Pay every three years.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section provides information regarding the compensation program in place for the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and the five most highly compensated executive officers other than the principal executive officer and principal financial officer ("Named Executive Officers" or "NEOs") for 2011 (the Company has voluntarily included its five ,as opposed to three, most highly compensated executive officers other than its principal executive officer and principal financial officer within its NEO group in this proxy statement). All NEOs are listed in the Summary Compensation Table. This section also includes information regarding, among other things, the overall objectives of the Company's compensation program and each element of compensation that we provide.

### Objectives of Our Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has responsibility for establishing, implementing, monitoring and approving the compensation program for NEOs and other selected key executives and managers. The Committee reviews and recommends proposed compensation program changes, salaries, annual cash incentive compensation amounts and incentive stock options for the NEOs and key managers to the Board of Directors for approval. The Committee acts pursuant to its charter that has been approved by the Board. If a compensation consultant is retained by the Committee, it shall have sole authority to retain and terminate the consulting firm, approve the firm's fees and other retention terms.

The compensation program for NEOs is designed to attract, retain and reward talented executives who have the experience and ability to contribute materially to the Company's long-term success and thereby build value for its stockholders. The program is intended to provide competitive base salaries as well as short-term and long-term incentives which align management and stockholder objectives and provide the opportunity for NEOs to participate in the success of the Company and its individual business units. In setting management pay levels, the Compensation Committee considers the Company's historical practices, the CEO's and other NEOs' past pay and Company and individual performance. The program's annual cash incentive and its longer term stock-based incentive compensation provide potential upside for exceeding financial targets with downside risk for missing performance targets. This balances retention with reward for delivering increased stockholder value and provides closely aligned objectives for Company management and stockholders. The Company's success in retaining key employees is evidenced by the fact that the CEO and NEOs of the Company have an average tenure with the Company of more than 10 years.

### Role of the CEO and the Compensation Committee in Compensation Decisions

The Compensation Committee reviews and recommends all compensation for the CEO to the Board of Directors for its approval. The Compensation Committee reviews recommendations by the CEO for the compensation of other NEOs as well as other managers and designated key employees. The CEO annually reviews the performance of each NEO (other than the CEO, whose performance is reviewed by the Compensation Committee). The recommendations based on these reviews, including salary adjustments, annual cash incentive awards and stock options, are presented to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee reviews these recommendations and can exercise its discretion in modifying and recommending adjustments to executives. The decision is then recommended by the Compensation Committee to the Board for its approval. Decisions regarding compensation for other key managers participating in the ICP are made by the CEO and other NEOs of the Company and are reviewed by the Compensation

Committee.

In its compensation process, the Compensation Committee considers whether the Company's executive compensation and benefits program serves the best interests of the Company's stockholders. In that respect, as part of its on-going review of the Company's executive compensation program, the Compensation Committee considered the affirmative stockholder "Say-On-Pay" vote at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2011 and determined that the Company's executive compensation philosophy, compensation objectives and compensation elements continued to be appropriate and did not make any changes to the Company's executive compensation program in response to such stockholder vote.

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## Components of Executive Compensation

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, the principal components of compensation for NEOs were:

- base salary;
- non-equity incentive compensation plan awards;
- qualified and non-qualified stock options, restrictive stock or restrictive stock units awards;
- perquisites; and
- other employee benefits.

### Base Salary

The Company provides NEOs and other key managers with competitive base salaries to compensate them appropriately for services rendered during the fiscal year. The Committee primarily considers the following for each of the NEOs as well as other executive officers and designated key employees:

- the Company's and business unit's performance and individual contributions to that performance;
- experience in the position;
- in selected cases, other relevant factors; and
- recommendations of executive officers.

The base salary level for Ronald A. Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, is normally recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in March of each year, with an effective date of May 1. The base salary levels for all of our NEOs, other executive officers and designated key employees are also determined by the Committee based on those factors described in the preceding paragraph and are approved and generally reset on the same dates as for the CEO.

For 2011, base salary levels were determined by the Committee in March 2011, of which most became effective May 1, 2011. For 2011, the Committee approved to increase salaries for the CEO and NEOs. The criteria for salary increases for the CEO and the NEOs included adjustment for inflation, asset management, overall company performance and successful management of the Company during difficult economic times. Based on the above criteria, Mr. Robinson's salary for 2011 was increased from \$435,000 to \$465,000. The salaries for the remaining NEOs were increased as follows: Mr. Davies from \$279,000 to \$300,700; Mr. Pummell from \$225,000 to \$240,000; Mr. Malone from \$227,000 to \$237,000; Mr. Duncan from \$163,000 to \$170,000; Mr. George from \$156,000 to \$164,000; and Mr. Wehrle from \$155,000 to \$163,000.

For 2012, the Committee approved an increase in salaries for the CEO and NEOs, and designated key employees effective May 1, 2012. Mr. Robinson's salary for 2012 was increased from \$465,000 to \$490,000. The salaries for the remaining NEOs were as follows: Mr. Davies from \$300,700 to \$316,200; Mr. Rick Pummell from \$240,000 to \$250,000; Mr. Malone from \$237,000 to \$247,000; Mr. Duncan from \$170,000 to \$177,000; Mr. George from \$164,000 to \$172,000; Mr. Wehrle from \$163,000 to \$171,000. Increases in base salaries were subject to criteria such as cost of living increase, performance of the Company, performance of the Division, asset management, cash flow and improved responsiveness to market conditions.

### Incentive Compensation Plan

In 2011, the Compensation Committee adopted a revised version of the Alamo Group Incentive Compensation Plan ("ICP"). The ICP is a cash incentive plan which allows the Company to reward the Company's NEOs and key managers based upon three factors:

- the overall performance of the Company;

- the performance of the segment of the Company or division and/or business unit in which the employee is expected to contribute; and
- the individual performance of the employee.

In March of each year, the Compensation Committee reviews with the senior management proposed changes, if any, to the ICP, and then adopt incentive targets for the current year. The Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, is entitled to interpret the ICP. Amounts under the ICP program are not deemed fully earned until paid.

ICP incentives for our CEO and NEOs include a 75% objective component and 25% subjective component. All estimated incentives under the ICP are accrued and expensed monthly during each fiscal year and paid within 75 days after the end of the fiscal year.

For 2011, the primary objective component of the ICP was based on the relationship between Actual Earnings and Target Earnings, each as described below, for the Company or each relevant division, subsidiary or business unit. Target Earnings for the Company and its divisions, subsidiaries and units are approved at the beginning of each Plan Year by the Board of Directors based on management's proposed financial plan for the year considering previous earning trends, anticipated market conditions and appropriate goals for earnings growth.

Generally, the primary objective incentive criteria are either the projected diluted earnings per share (EPS) or the projected earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) for the Company as a whole or the relevant divisions, subsidiaries or units, which include an appropriate accrual for the estimated payments under the ICP. Actual Earnings are the actual earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) calculated in a manner consistent with the Target Earnings and include adequate accruals to cover all estimated payments under the ICP. EPS and EBIT for any given year are subject to possible revisions by the Committee if the Committee deems it appropriate to adjust for the effects of items such as extraordinary additions to or reversals of reserves, gains on bargain purchase, goodwill impairment, acquisitions and divestitures, restructuring costs, gains or losses from the sale of assets, and operating income and expenses of discontinued operations. Some ICP participants may have additional objective criteria other than just EPS or EBIT. For example, some may have specific targets on inventory control, asset management, return on investment, or other criteria specific to that individual's area of responsibility. In these cases, the various objective targets add up to 75% of the total incentive target with a 25% subjective component.

In 2011, 2010 and 2009, all NEOs, with the exception of Mr. Davies in 2011, received a percentage of compensation for their objective component.

Actual payments under the objective components of the 2011 ICP could range from 0% to 200% of established target payments on the basis of performance from a starting threshold to a maximum payout of the Target Earnings established by the Committee.

Based on the actual performance level as a % of Target Earnings, the ICP incentive payout is graduated by the incremental performance change beginning at the starting ICP payment threshold of Actual Earnings to determine the incentive earned.

For 2011, the Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the weighting and criteria for the objective and subjective components of the plan. The objective component for Corporate Participants (CEO, NEOs and most key managers with the exception of Mr. Davies, Mr. Pummell and operations managers) was diluted earnings per share. EPS measures consolidated net income from continuing operations divided by the weighted average number of fully diluted Company shares outstanding. This metric helps align our management with the interest of our shareholders. The Committee set the ICP Target EPS at \$1.96 for Corporate Participants. For 2011, payouts under the ICP for Corporate Participants were based on the following:

Objective Component	Criteria
75	% 0% of Target payment if less or equal to identified Target EPS (\$1.78) is met; 100% of Target payment if identified Target EPS (\$1.96) is met; and 200% of Target payment if identified maximum Target EPS (\$2.23) is met or exceeded, in each case with incremental increases to determine the incentive earned
Subjective Component	
25	% Based on subjective criteria

In the case of Mr. Davies, Mr. Pummell and other key operations managers, the criteria and weighting for the objective and subjective components of the plan are as follows:

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Objective Component	Criteria
50	% Actual EBIT for the relevant business unit vs. Target EBIT for the relevant business unit
25	% Actual return on assets for the relevant business unit vs. Target return on assets or Actual inventory turns for the relevant business unit vs. Target inventory turns
Subjective Component	
25	% Based on subjective criteria

Since the specific quantitative targets for the business units are confidential, we do not publicly disclose these targets for several reasons, including our belief that disclosure would cause us competitive harm. We believe disclosing the quantitative targets would provide competitors and other third parties with insights into the Company's internal confidential strategic and planning processes and other confidential matters, which might allow our competitors to predict certain business strategies. The intent is to set the targets at challenging, but achievable levels, which normally require performance improvements year over year.

The chart below reflects each NEO's Target incentive as a percentage of base salary at 100% of Target performance.

NEO	% of Base Salary Incentive at Target Performance
Ronald A. Robinson	75%
Geoffrey Davies	40%
Richard D. Pummell	40%
Dan E. Malone	35%
Robert H. George	30%
Richard J. Wehrle	30%
Donald C. Duncan	30%

In 2011, the Company achieved the maximum incentive Target EPS excluding adjustments relating to gain on bargain purchase, goodwill impairment, restructuring costs and acquisition expenses. This resulted in an objective incentive payout of 200% of Target. Mr. Davies achieved less than the starting threshold of the Target EBIT criteria, for a 0% Target payout. He also received a 0% payout for inventory turns achieved. Mr. Pummell achieved 162% of the Target EBIT criteria for a 170% of Target payout and a 76% payout for inventory turns achieved.

In March 2012, the Committee approved total non-equity incentive and special performance bonus payments of \$3,190,550 for the 2011 performances to participating employees. Total incentive payments for all ICP participants expensed in 2010 and paid in March 2011 were \$2,140,861.

Included in these totals were payments to Ronald A. Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, of \$653,906 (\$523,125 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$130,781 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$464,941 (\$322,988 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$101,953 related to the subjective component of the ICP and \$40,000 as an extra performance bonus for Mr. Robinson's efforts related to record earnings for the Company in 2010) applicable to 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. Robinson's compensation include, among other things, his overall leadership of the Company, the growth of the Company, the management of the Company during difficult economic conditions, the successful acquisition of Tenco, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

Mr. Davies' non-equity incentive compensation was \$45,105 (\$0 related to the objective component of the ICP and \$45,105 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$71,703 (\$29,853 related to the objective component of



the ICP and \$41,850 related to the subjective component of the ICP) for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. Davies' compensation include, among other things, leadership of the European Division during difficult economic conditions, productivity, efficiency, adherence to annual budgets, customer satisfaction, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

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Mr. Malone's non-equity incentive compensation was \$150,347 (\$124,425 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$25,922 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$103,484 (\$78,656 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$24,828 related to the subjective component of the ICP) for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. Malone's compensation include, among other things, his involvement in cost control initiatives, developing corporate benchmarking standards, expanding international procurement capabilities, expense management, his contribution to the Company's achievement of its objective goals and to the enhancement of shareholder return, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

Mr. Pummell's non-equity incentive compensation was \$129,840 (\$99,840 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$30,000 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$137,050 (\$83,925 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$28,125 related to the subjective component of the ICP, and \$25,000 as an extra performance bonus for Mr. Pummell's efforts related to the overall profitability of the Agricultural Division and the profit improvement at Bush Hog) for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. Pummell's compensation include, among other things, leadership of the Agricultural Division, productivity, efficiency, adherence to annual budgets, customer satisfaction, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

Mr. Duncan's non-equity incentive compensation was \$92,438 (\$76,500 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$15,938 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$63,692 (\$48,411 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$15,281 related to the subjective component of the ICP) for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. Duncan's compensation include, among other things, litigation risk management, expense management, his contribution to the Company's achievement of its objective goals and to the enhancement of shareholder return, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

Mr. George's non-equity incentive compensation was \$92,250 (\$73,800 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$18,450 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$60,957 (\$46,332 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$14,625 related to the subjective component of the ICP) for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. George's compensation include, among other things, bank negotiations, effective leadership of Corporate IT and HR, Henke Manufacturing Corporation and Nite-Hawk, expense management, his contribution to the Company's achievement of its objective goals and to the enhancement of shareholder return, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

Mr. Wehrle's non-equity incentive compensation was \$91,688 (\$73,350 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$18,338 related to the subjective component of the ICP) and \$60,566 (\$46,035 related to the objective component of the ICP, \$14,531 related to the subjective component of the ICP) for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary factors affecting Mr. Wehrle's compensation include, among other things, accurate financial reporting and internal controls, providing inventory control leadership to all facilities, expense management, his contribution to the Company's achievement of its objective goals and to the enhancement of shareholder return, and his efforts contributing to the continued long-term success of the Company.

Awards made to the NEOs under the ICP for performance in 2011 are reflected in the "Non-Equity Incentive Compensation Plan" column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 20.

#### Equity Award Programs

The Company's equity award programs relate stockholder value and long-term compensation. These programs provide an opportunity for increased equity ownership by our executives while maintaining competitive levels of total compensation.

From time to time the Committee has recommended, and the Board of Directors has granted, equity awards which have consisted of qualified and non-qualified stock options and restricted stock units to NEOs, key employees and directors. Equity award levels vary among participants based on their performance and positions within the Company.

Equity awards are granted to a limited number of key employees who the Committee believes have a level of responsibility that can affect the overall performance of the Company or a major segment thereof. They may also be issued to non-employees who are members of the Board of Directors. The amount of the grants and frequency are totally at the discretion of the Board of Directors, based on recommendations from the Compensation Committee. These awards are used to provide a longer-term incentive than annual cash bonuses and are viewed as encouraging key employee retention. Since the ultimate value of the award is tied to the Company's stock price, it further aligns the individual's performance with that of the Company's shareholders.

Stock options are granted at the NYSE's closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the effective date of grant and thus will have no ultimate value unless the value of the Company's Common Stock appreciates. The Company has never granted options with an exercise price that is less than the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the grant date, nor has it granted options which are priced on a date other than the effective date of the grant. We do not grant options during blackout periods when insider transactions are prohibited. The Committee believes these options provide a significant incentive for the option holders to enhance the value of the Company's Common Stock by continually improving the Company's performance.

All qualified and non-qualified options granted by the Committee become vested and exercisable for 20% of the total optioned shares after one year following the grant and for an additional 20% of the total optioned shares after each succeeding year until the option is fully exercisable. The options have a term of 10 years. For options granted prior to February 2006, upon termination or retirement of the employee or Director option holder, the option holder has 30 days to exercise vested shares except in the case of death (which is subject to a one-year limitation). For options granted after February 2006, if the option holder is at least 62 years of age and has at least 5 years of service with the Company, then all outstanding options become fully vested upon termination of employment (not for cause), retirement or death.

In 2009, stockholders approved the 2009 Equity Incentive Plan that allows for the issuance of non-qualified stock options, restricted stock or restricted stock units or any combination thereof. Non-qualified stock options issued under the Plan become vested and exercisable for 20% of the total optioned shares after one year following the date of grant and for an additional 20% of the total optioned shares after each succeeding year until the option is fully exercisable. Restricted stock and restricted stock units generally vest over four years at 25% per year. The awards are valued at the closing price of the Company's common stock on the NYSE on the date of the grant.

The following grants of Non-Qualified stock options to NEOs of the Company were awarded in 2011: 25,000 shares to Mr. Robinson and 5,000 shares to Mr. Malone. These options (a) will vest in equal annual installments over the five-year period commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant (which was May 9, 2011) provided that they are employed by the Company on each such date (subject to certain exceptions), (b) have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the date of grant and (c) have a term of ten (10) years from such date. The options are subject to vesting upon a Change in Control, as defined in the relevant plan under which they were issued. The options were issued under the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.

The following grants of Incentive stock options to NEOs of the Company were awarded in 2011: 5,000 shares to each Messrs. Duncan, George and Wehrle. These options (a) will vest in equal annual installments over the five-year period commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant (which was May 9, 2011) provided that they are employed by the Company on each such date (subject to certain exceptions), (b) have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the date of grant and (c) have a term of ten (10) years from such date. The options are subject to vesting upon a Change in Control, as defined in the relevant plan under which they were issued. The options were issued under the Company's 2005 Incentive Stock Option Plan.

#### Supplemental Retirement Plan

The Board of Directors of the Company adopted the Alamo Group Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP"), effective as of January 3, 2011. The SERP benefits certain key management or other highly compensated employees of the Company and/or certain subsidiaries who are selected by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Board to participate, including Ronald A. Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dan E. Malone, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Donald C. Duncan, Vice President and General

Counsel, Robert H. George, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Richard D. Pummell, Vice President of the Agricultural Division, and Richard J. Wehrle, Vice President and Controller. Mr. Davies, who is part of a retirement plan in the United Kingdom, was not included in the SERP.

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The SERP is intended to provide a benefit from the Company upon retirement, death or disability, or a change in control of the Company. Accordingly, the SERP obligates the Company to pay to a participant a Retirement Benefit (as defined in the SERP) upon the occurrence of certain payment events to the extent a participant has a vested right thereto. A participant's right to his Retirement Benefit becomes vested in the Company's contributions upon 10 years of Credited Service (as defined in the SERP) following the effective date of the SERP or a change in control of the Company. The Retirement Benefit is based on 20% of the final three year average salary of each participant on or after his or her Normal Retirement Age (65 years of age). In the event of the participant's death or a change in control, the participant's vested Retirement Benefit will be paid in a lump sum to the participant or his estate, as applicable, within 90 days after the participant's death or a change in control, as applicable. In the event the participant is entitled to a benefit from the SERP due to disability, retirement or other termination of employment, the benefit will be paid in monthly installments over a period of fifteen years.

#### Perquisites

The Company's NEOs and key managers receive various perquisites provided by or paid for by the Company. These perquisites can include memberships in social and professional clubs, car allowances, a 401(k) restoration plan, and gross-up payments equal to the taxes payable on certain perquisites:

- Club memberships - reimbursement for dues and business expenses, usually negotiated at start of employment.
- Car allowances/company vehicles - an allowance paid monthly for usage of a personal vehicle or a company vehicle is provided where required, also usually negotiated at start of employment.
- 401(k) restoration plan - provides a supplemental compensation benefit to a select group of executive officers and highly compensated employees who cannot participate at the same level as other employees of the Company.
- Gross-up payments - provided in certain limited situations, such as commuting and relocation expenses, that are taxable events.
- Retirement Plans in other countries.
  - Reimbursement of certain commercial airfare, hotel and vehicle expenses in connection with Mr. Robinson's commuting that was approved by the Committee.

We provide these perquisites because, in many cases, such as membership in social and professional clubs, the perquisites are often used by the executives for business-related activities and entertainment, and these perquisites are provided by many companies to their NEOs and are therefore necessary to enable the Company to retain and recruit capable managers. With respect to the last item listed above, the Board agreed to reimburse certain expenses in connection with Mr. Robinson's commuting from his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to the Company's corporate office in Seguin, Texas, including commercial airfare, hotel and car rental.

The Committee reviews the perquisites provided to the NEOs on an annual basis, in an attempt to ensure that they continue to be appropriate in light of the Committee's overall goal of designing a compensation program for NEOs.

#### Other Employee Benefits

NEOs participate in all other benefits generally offered to employees.

#### Tax Implications

As part of its role, the Committee reviews and considers the deductibility of executive compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, which provides that the Company may not deduct compensation of more than \$1,000,000 that is paid to certain individuals. Other than Mr. Robinson's compensation, the Company believes that compensation paid under the management incentive plans is generally fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. For fiscal 2011, Mr. Robinson received compensation in excess of \$1,000,000.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors oversees the Company's compensation program on behalf of the Board. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth in this Proxy Statement.

In reliance on the review and discussions referred above, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company's Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Gary L. Martin, Chair  
Helen W. Cornell, Member  
Jerry E. Goldress, Member  
David W. Grzelak, Member

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION  
SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table describes the annual compensation for our NEOs for the fiscal years 2011, 2010 and 2009.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus Payments (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	Change of Pension Value (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(7)(8)</sup>	Total (\$)
Ronald A. Robinson President & CEO	2011	455,131	—	—	312,468	653,906	160,783	82,117	1,664,405
	2010	434,939	40,000	—	—	424,941	—	96,439	996,319
	2009	436,670	25,000	—	125,811	184,275	—	83,068	854,824
Geoffrey Davies VP & Managing Director, Alamo Group Europe Ltd.	2011	275,900	—	—	—	45,105	—	34,732	355,737
	2010	279,194	—	74,070	—	71,703	—	38,714	463,681
	2009	222,879	—	57,250	—	107,945	—	36,116	424,190
Richard D. Pummell VP Agricultural Division <sup>(9)</sup>	2011	235,932	—	—	—	129,840	102,502	12,437	480,711
	2010	225,792	25,000	—	56,980	112,050	—	10,956	430,778
	2009	186,446	5,000	—	50,324	25,898	—	5,940	273,608
Dan E. Malone Executive VP & CFO, Principal Financial Officer	2011	229,449	—	—	62,494	150,347	61,351	7,183	510,824
	2010	226,134	—	—	—	103,484	—	6,233	335,851
	2009	227,795	5,000	—	60,389	45,045	—	8,614	346,843
Donald C. Duncan VP & General Counsel	2011	168,369	—	—	62,494	92,438	84,399	5,766	413,466
	2010	162,697	—	—	—	63,692	—	3,290	229,679
	2009	163,378	5,000	—	50,300	27,729	—	6,394	252,801
Robert H. George VP, Secretary & Treasurer	2011	162,023	—	—	62,494	92,250	52,332	5,700	374,799
	2010	156,600	—	—	—	60,957	—	3,298	220,855
	2009	155,858	10,000	—	60,360	26,501	—	6,258	258,977
Richard J. Wehrle	2011	160,746	—	—	62,494	91,688	55,978	4,720	375,626



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VP & Controller,	2010	154,488	—	—	—	60,566	—	3,304	218,358
Principal Accounting Officer	2009	155,469	5,000	—	60,389	26,325	—	5,202	252,385

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- (1) The Company pays employees on a bi-weekly basis. In 2010 and 2011, the salaries represent normal 26 pay periods. In 2009, the salaries represent 27 pay periods.  
 In 2010, Mr. Robinson received a \$40,000 bonus for his efforts relating to the record earnings for the Company in 2010. Mr. Pummell received a \$25,000 bonus for his efforts related to the overall profitability of the agricultural
- (2) division and the profit improvement of Bush Hog. In 2009, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Malone, Mr. Pummell, Mr. Duncan, Mr. George and Mr. Wehrle all received bonus payments relating to the successful completion of Bush Hog acquisition. Mr. George also received a bonus payment in 2009 for restructuring the Company's credit facility. In 2010, Mr. Davies received an award of 3,000 restricted stock units that will vest over four years from the date of grant. In 2009, Mr. Davies received an award of 5,000 restricted stock units that will vest over four years. The
- (3) amount in this column reflects the grant date fair value of the restricted stock units in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ("FASB ASC 718"). The grant date fair value for options is based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model in which the option fair value as of the grant date (May 11, 2010) was determined to be \$12.50.  
 The amount shown in this column constitutes options granted under the Company's stock option programs. The amounts are valued based on the aggregate grant date fair value of the award in accordance with FASB ASC 718.
- (4) See Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating grant date fair value pursuant to FASB ASC 718.
- (5) ICP incentives approved and paid in 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (6) The amount reflects the increase in present value of accumulated benefits under the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP).  
 With the exception of Mr. Davies and Mr. Robinson, amounts represent the Company's contribution under the Alamo Group (USA) Inc. tax-qualified 401(k) plan (the "401(k) Plan"). In the case of Mr. Robinson, each year the amounts include perquisites in excess of \$10,000 which include reimbursement of commuting expenses (\$48,290
- (7) in 2011, \$64,329 in 2010 and \$49,841 in 2009, a car allowance, club dues and restoration payments pursuant to the Alamo Group Inc. 401(k) Restoration Plan. Such restoration payments are equivalent to matching contributions that would have been or would be made under the Company's 401(k) plan but were foregone due to certain limitations on contributions to 401(k) plans in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (8) The amount reflects Alamo Group Europe Ltd.'s contribution to Mr. Davies' retirement plan in the United Kingdom.
- (9) Mr. Pummell was promoted to Vice-President of Alamo Group Inc. in November of 2009 and his annual salary was increased to \$225,000. Mr. Pummell was not an executive officer of Alamo Group Inc. prior to his promotion.

#### Employment Agreements

All NEOs of the Company serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The NEOs are appointed to their positions by the Board until the next annual meeting of directors or until their successors have been duly qualified and appointed. There are currently no employment agreements with any NEOs of the Company.

#### 2011 GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)</sup>		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 (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>
		Threshold	Target	Threshold	Target	Maximum				
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)				

								or Units (#) <sup>(3)</sup>		
								(#) <sup>(2)</sup>		
Ronald A. Robinson	5/9/2011	—	348,750	653,906	—	—	—	25,000	26.45	312,468
Geoffrey Davies	—	—	120,280	225,525	—	—	—	—	—	—
Richard D. Pummell	—	—	96,000	180,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dan E. Malone	5/9/2011	—	82,950	155,531	—	—	—	5,000	26.45	62,494
Donald C. Duncan	5/9/2011	—	58,000	95,625	—	—	—	5,000	26.45	62,494
Robert H. George	5/9/2011	—	49,200	92,250	—	—	—	5,000	26.45	62,494
Richard J. Wehrle	5/9/2011	—	48,900	91,688	—	—	—	5,000	26.45	62,494

- Amounts shown are estimated possible payouts for fiscal 2011 under the Company's Incentive Compensation Plan. These amounts are based on the individual's fiscal 2011 base salary and position. The maximum amount shown is 200% of the target amount. Actual incentives received by the NEOs for fiscal 2011 are reported in the summary compensation table under the column entitled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."
- (1) The amount in this column reflects restricted stock units granted to the named officer under the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) The amount in this column reflects the number of options to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock granted to named officers under the 2005 Incentive Stock Option Plan and 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The amount shown in this column constitutes options granted under the Company's stock option program. The amounts represent the value of the options based on the aggregate grant date fair values of the awards determined pursuant to FASB ASC 718. See Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating grant date fair value pursuant to FASB ASC 718. The grant date fair value for options is based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model in which the option fair value as of the grant date (May 9, 2011) was determined to be \$12.50.

## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2011 FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table lists all outstanding equity awards held by our NEOs as of December 31, 2011:

Name	Option Awards		Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Stock Awards			
	Exercisable (#)	Unexercisable (#)				Number of Shares or Units that have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units that have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units, or Rights that have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Value of Unearned Shares, Units, or other Rights that have Not Vested
Ronald A. Robinson	25,000	—	—	19.79	5/4/2015	—	—	—	—
	20,000	5,000	—	25.18	5/7/2017	—	—	—	—
	—	15,000	—	11.45	5/11/2019	—	—	—	—
	—	25,000	—	26.45	5/9/2021	—	—	—	—
Geoffrey Davies	1,150	—	—	14.38	2/13/2012	—	—	—	—
	11,900	—	—	12.10	5/12/2013	—	—	—	—
	5,000	—	—	19.79	5/4/2015	—	—	—	—
	5,000	—	—	22.39	3/3/2016	—	—	—	—
	6,000	4,000	—	22.55	5/9/2018	—	—	—	—
Richard D. Pummell	—	—	—	—	—	4,750	127,918	—	—
	10,000	—	—	19.79	5/4/2015	—	—	—	—
	2,400	600	—	25.18	5/7/2017	—	—	—	—
	2,000	6,000	—	11.45	5/11/2019	—	—	—	—
Dan E. Malone	1,000	4,000	—	24.69	5/11/2020	—	—	—	—
	20,000	5,000	—	24.13	3/8/2017	—	—	—	—
	4,800	7,200	—	11.45	5/11/2019	—	—	—	—
Donald C. Duncan	—	5,000	—	26.45	5/9/2021	—	—	—	—
	3,000	—	—	17.85	2/20/2014	—	—	—	—
	3,000	—	—	19.79	5/4/2015	—	—	—	—
	2,400	600	—	25.18	5/7/2017	—	—	—	—
	2,000	6,000	—	11.45	5/11/2019	—	—	—	—
Robert H. George	—	5,000	—	26.45	5/9/2021	—	—	—	—
	5,000	—	—	12.10	5/13/2013	—	—	—	—
	3,000	—	—	17.85	2/20/2014	—	—	—	—
	3,000	—	—	19.79	5/4/2015	—	—	—	—
	4,000	1,000	—	25.18	5/7/2017	—	—	—	—
	4,800	7,200	—	11.45	5/11/2019	—	—	—	—
Richard J. Wehrle	—	5,000	—	26.45	5/9/2021	—	—	—	—
	5,000	—	—	12.10	5/13/2013	—	—	—	—
	3,000	—	—	17.85	2/20/2014	—	—	—	—
	3,000	—	—	19.79	5/4/2015	—	—	—	—
	4,000	1,000	—	25.18	5/7/2017	—	—	—	—
	4,800	7,200	—	11.45	5/11/2019	—	—	—	—
—	5,000	—	26.45	5/9/2021	—	—	—	—	



## OPTION EXERCISES IN 2011

Name	Option Awards Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized Upon Exercise (\$)
Ronald A. Robinson	5,000	59,750
Geoffrey Davies	2,000	53,940
Richard D. Pummell	2,000	30,520
Dan E. Malone	—	—
Donald C. Duncan	—	—
Robert H. George	—	—
Richard J. Wehrle	—	—

## PENSION BENEFITS

The following table quantifies the "deferred benefit" pension benefits expected to be paid from the SERP:

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Services (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Ronald A. Robinson	SERP	13	798,560	—
Richard D. Pummell <sup>(2)</sup>	SERP	7	282,885	—
Dan E. Malone <sup>(2)</sup>	SERP	5	147,068	—
Donald C. Duncan	SERP	10	305,696	—
Robert H. George	SERP	24	342,571	—
Richard J. Wehrle	SERP	24	245,231	—
Geoffrey Davies <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—

The estimated present value of accumulated benefits under the SERP is based on a discount rate of 4.04% as of December 31, 2011. The RP-2000 Mortality Table is used for the SERP calculation projected to 2011 for the <sup>(1)</sup> participants. Participants are assumed to retire at the latest of current age and the plan's earliest retirement date (age 65) with unreduced benefits. No pre-retirement mortality, retirement, or terminating has been assumed for the present value factors.

<sup>(2)</sup> As of the end of the measurement period (December 31, 2011) Mr. Pummell and Mr. Malone are not yet vested in the SERP, and have no benefit payable under the SERP.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Davies is not part of the SERP. He receives contributions from Alamo Group Europe Ltd. to his retirement plan in the United Kingdom.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

This section describes the benefits and payments to which each NEO would have been entitled under the Company's existing plans and arrangements if his employment had terminated or if the Company had undergone a Change in Control, in each case, on December 31, 2011. For purposes of valuing any outstanding equity awards, we have assumed a per share value of \$26.93, the closing market price of the Company's common stock on December 31, 2011.

## General Policies

Prior to the effective date of the SERP on January 3, 2011, the applicable NEOs were not entitled to cash severance payments upon any termination of employment or upon a Change in Control of the Company. Upon termination, the NEOs receive health and welfare benefits under COBRA that are generally available to all salaried employees and accrued vacation pay. There are no special or enhanced termination benefits under the Company's stock option plans for the NEOs as compared to non-named executive officer participants. For information with respect to potential payments under the SERP, see "SERP" below.

### Termination of Employment / Changes in Control - Equity

A detailed list of the equity awards held by each NEO as of December 31, 2011 is set forth in the "Outstanding Equity Awards at 2011 Fiscal Year-End" table above. The NEOs do not hold any equity awards other than the stock options and the restricted stock units listed in the table. With respect to options granted prior to February 2006, NEOs may exercise only vested options within 30 days of termination of their employments (not for cause), 30 days of their retirements, or 1 year of their deaths. With respect to options granted since February 2006, if the NEO is at least 62 years of age and has at least 5 years of service with the Company, the options become fully vested and may be exercised upon termination of the NEO's employment (not for cause), retirement or death.

Stock options granted by the Company have included provisions applicable upon a Change in Control, as defined in the applicable award certificates. These options will become exercisable upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, but transfer restrictions on shares acquired upon exercise of stock options and cancellation provisions will remain in effect until the applicable transfer restriction date.

Some of the stock options held by the NEOs that would become exercisable upon (1) a termination of employment (not for cause), retirement or death or disability or (2) upon a Change in Control had intrinsic value as of December 31, 2011.

The following chart shows the value of restricted stock units and stock option awards that would have become vested or forfeited for a termination of employment as of December 31, 2011. For this purpose, restricted stock units awards were valued at our closing price as of December 31, 2011 and stock options were valued as the difference between our closing price as of that date and the applicable exercise price of the stock options.

Name	Termination For Cause	Death or Disability		Change in Control	Any Other Involuntary/Voluntary Termination Without Cause	
	Forfeit(\$)	Vesting(\$)	Forfeit(\$)	Immediate Vesting(\$)	Vesting(\$)	Forfeit(\$)
Ronald A. Robinson	466,450	213,500	252,950	466,450	213,500	252,950
Geoffrey Davies	421,027	275,590	145,438	421,027	275,590	145,438
Richard D. Pummell	211,690	108,860	102,890	211,690	108,860	102,890
Dan E. Malone	258,160	130,304	127,856	258,160	130,304	127,856
Donald C. Duncan	180,150	83,820	96,330	180,150	83,820	96,330
Robert H. George	319,720	204,114	115,606	319,720	204,114	115,606
Richard J. Wehrle	319,720	204,114	115,606	319,720	204,114	115,606

### SERP

The SERP is intended to provide a benefit from the Company upon retirement, death or disability, or a change in control of the Company. Accordingly, the SERP obligates the Company to pay to a participant a Retirement Benefit (as defined in the SERP) upon the occurrence of certain payment events to the extent a participant has a vested right thereto. A participant's right to his Retirement Benefit becomes vested in the Company's contributions upon 10 years of Credited Service (as defined in the SERP) following the effective date of the SERP or a Change in Control of the Company. The Retirement Benefit will be based on 20% of the final three year average salary of each participant on or after his or her Normal Retirement Age (65 years of age). In the event of the participant's death or a Change in Control, the participant's vested Retirement Benefit will be paid in a lump sum to the participant or his estate, as applicable, within 90 days after the participant's death or a Change in Control, as applicable. In the event the



participant is entitled to a benefit from the SERP due to disability, retirement or other termination of employment, the benefit will be paid in monthly installments over a period of fifteen years.

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The following chart shows the potential payouts under the SERP as of December 31, 2011.

Name	Termination For Cause	Death or Disability <sup>(1)</sup>		Change in Control	Any Other Involuntary/Voluntary Termination Without Cause <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Forfeit(\$)	Vesting(\$)	Forfeit(\$)	Immediate Vesting(\$)	Vesting(\$)	Forfeit(\$)
Ronald A. Robinson	798,560	798,560	—	1,320,000	798,560	—
Richard D. Pummell	282,885	—	282,885	445,325	—	282,885
Dan E. Malone	147,068	—	147,068	339,264	—	147,068
Donald C. Duncan	305,696	305,696	—	487,564	305,696	—
Robert H. George	342,571	342,571	—	471,000	342,571	—
Richard J. Wehrle	245,231	245,231	—	468,000	245,231	—

<sup>(1)</sup> Death or disability and any other involuntary or voluntary termination is the present value of accumulated benefits to be paid out in monthly installments over a period of 15 years.

#### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION DURING 2011

The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our non-employee directors during 2011:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Total (\$)
Donald J. Douglass <sup>(3)</sup>	600	—	81,763	82,363
Roderick R. Baty	29,250	40,395	—	69,645
Helen W. Cornell	52,500	53,860	—	106,360
David W. Grzelak	52,900	53,860	—	106,760
Jerry E. Goldress	55,500	53,860	—	109,360
Gary L. Martin	52,500	53,860	—	106,360
James B. Skaggs	54,200	53,860	—	108,060

Ms. Cornell and Messrs. Grzelak, Goldress, Martin and Skaggs each received 2,000 shares under the Restricted Stock Unit Awards. Mr. Baty received 1,500 shares under the Restricted Stock Unit Award. Restricted Stock Unit Awards are valued at the December 31, 2011 closing price of \$26.93. At December 31, 2011, options to purchase the following numbers of shares of Common Stock of the Company were outstanding and held by our directors: 14,500 shares for Mr. Goldress, 15,500 shares for Mr. Grzelak, 13,000 shares for Mr. Martin, and 12,800 shares for Mr. Skaggs.

<sup>(2)</sup> The amount reflected is payment of principal and interest relating to a supplemental retirement benefit.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Douglass retired as Chairman in May of 2011.

Effective May 2011, non-employee directors received \$2,800 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended in person, and \$1,500 for each meeting of any Committee attended in person, or \$600 for each meeting of the Board of Directors or any meeting of any Committee thereof attended by telephone. The Company pays directors who are not employees of the Company a \$25,000 retainer per year. The Chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$5,000 annual retainer, the Chairman of the Board receives an additional \$5,000 annual retainer, and other Committee

Chairs each receive an additional \$2,000 annual retainer. Directors are reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of attending meetings of the Board or the Committees.

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## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The Company or one of our subsidiaries may occasionally enter into transactions with certain “related persons.” Our Board has adopted a written Related Person Transactions Policy (the “Policy”) governing the approval or ratification of Related Person Transactions by the Audit Committee or all of the disinterested members of the Board, if necessary.

For purposes of the Policy, a Related Person Transaction generally means any transaction outside the normal course of business and not arms-length involving an amount in excess of \$120,000 cumulatively within a twelve month period in which the Company is a participant and in which a Related Person, as defined below, has a direct or indirect material interest. In addition, proposed charitable contributions, or pledges of charitable contributions in excess of \$100,000 cumulatively within a twelve month period, by the Company to a charitable or non-profit organization identified on the roster of Related Persons, are also subject to prior review and approval by the Audit Committee. A Related Person means (i) an executive officer or director of the Company or a nominee for director of the Company, (ii) a beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of voting securities of the Company, (iii) an immediate family member of any of the persons identified in clauses (i) or (ii) hereof, and (iv) any firm, corporation or other entity in which any of the foregoing persons is employed or is a general partner or principal or in a similar position or in which such person has a 5% or greater beneficial ownership interest.

Prior to entering into the Related Person Transaction, (a) the Related Person, (b) the director, executive officer, nominee or beneficial owner who is an immediate family member of the Related Person, or (c) the relevant business manager responsible for the potential Related Person Transaction shall provide notice to the General Counsel of the facts and circumstances of the proposed Related Person Transaction. The General Counsel shall advise the Chair of the Audit Committee of any Related Person Transaction of which he becomes aware.

Under the Policy, the Audit Committee shall consider each Related Person Transaction, unless the Audit Committee determines that the approval or ratification of such Related Person Transaction should be considered by all of the disinterested members of the Board of Directors.

In considering whether to approve or ratify any Related Person Transaction, the Audit Committee or the disinterested members of the Board of Directors, as the case may be, shall consider all factors that are relevant to the Related Person Transaction, including, without limitation, the following:

- the size of the transaction and the amount payable to a Related Person;
- the nature of the interest of the Related Person in the transaction;
- whether the transaction may involve a conflict of interest; and
- whether the transaction involves the provision of goods or services to the Company that are available from unaffiliated third parties and, if so, whether the transaction is on terms and made under circumstances that are at least as favorable to the Company as would be available in comparable transactions with or involving unaffiliated third parties.

There were no Related Party Transactions during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

## PROPOSAL 2 - RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors desires to engage the services of KPMG LLP for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. The Audit Committee has appointed KPMG LLP to audit the financial statements of the Company for fiscal 2012 and report on those financial statements. Stockholders are being asked to vote FOR the ratification of the appointment. If stockholders do not ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP, the Audit Committee will reconsider its appointment.

## Fees Incurred by the Company for KPMG LLP

The following table shows the fees paid or accrued by the Company for the audit and other services provided by KPMG LLP for fiscal 2011 and 2010.

	2011	2010
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,065,000	\$912,200
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	132,000	50,000
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	362,000	349,000
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—
Total	\$1,559,000	\$1,311,200

Both 2011 and 2010 Audit Fees include: (i) the audit of our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K annual report and services attendant to, or required by, statute or regulation; (ii) reviews of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q; (iii) comfort letters, consents and other services related to SEC and other regulatory filings; and (iv) the audit of management's reports on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Section 404). 2010 also includes Audit Fees related to the Bush Hog acquisition.

(1) Audit-Related Fees in 2011 and 2010 include employee benefit plans and, in 2011, fees related to the Tenco acquisition.

Tax Fees in 2011 and 2010 include tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice services include the review of U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns and tax advice regarding R&D tax credits.

(4) There were no other professional services rendered in 2011 or 2010.

## Audit Committee's Preapproval Policy and Procedures

Our Audit Committee has adopted policies and procedures for the preapproval of audit and non-audit services for the purpose of maintaining the independence of our independent auditors. These policies and procedures are reviewed at least annually. We may not engage our independent auditors to render any audit or non-audit service unless either the service is approved in advance by the Audit Committee or the engagement to render the service is entered into pursuant to the Audit Committee's preapproval policies and procedures. On an annual basis, the Audit Committee may preapprove services that are expected to be provided to the Company by the independent auditors during the following twelve months.

The Audit Committee may also preapprove particular services on a case-by-case basis. In assessing requests for services by the independent auditors, the Audit Committee considers whether such services are consistent with the auditor's independence, whether the independent auditors are likely to provide the most effective and efficient service based upon their familiarity with the Company and whether the service could enhance the Company's ability to

manage or control risk or improve audit quality.

Representatives of KPMG LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting and will be available to respond to appropriate questions concerning the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 and make a statement should they so desire.

Vote required. This recommendation must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote thereon. All proxies will be voted "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditor unless a contrary choice is indicated.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR"  
THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT  
AUDITORS FOR 2012, WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS PROPOSAL NO. 2 ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY.

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## SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of Common Stock to file with the SEC reports regarding their ownership and changes in ownership of our securities. The Company believes that, through March 21, 2012, its directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Common Stock complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements, except as follows: Helen Cornell's Form 3 reporting the initial balance of our shares held by her when she became our director was filed late and one Form 4 was filed late for Geoffrey Davies in relation to Section 16(a) reporting transactions.

In making this statement, the Company has relied upon examination of the copies of Forms 3, 4 and 5 and amendments thereto, provided to Alamo Group Inc., and the written representations of its directors, executive officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock.

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Proposals from stockholders intended to be presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting, pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, must be received in writing by the Company at its principal executive offices not later than December 5, 2012. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas 78155. Please direct all such proposals to the attention of the Company's Secretary.

If a stockholder intends to present business at the 2013 Annual Meeting other than pursuant to Rule 14a-8, to be considered timely pursuant to Rule 14a-4(c), such proposal must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Company at our principal executive offices no later than February 18, 2013, and such proposal, under law, must be an appropriate subject for stockholder action.

## PROXY SOLICITATION

The cost of soliciting proxies by the Board of Directors will be borne by the Company. Proxies may be solicited through the mail and through telephonic communications or meetings with stockholders or their representatives by directors, officers and other employees of the Company who will not receive special compensation for these services.

The Company requests persons such as brokers, nominees and fiduciaries holding stock in their names for others, or holding stock for others who have the right to give voting instructions, to forward proxy material to their principals and to request authority for the execution of the proxy, and the Company will reimburse such persons for their reasonable expenses.

## OTHER MATTERS

No business other than the matters set forth in this Proxy Statement is expected to come before the Annual Meeting, but should any other matters requiring a vote of stockholders arise, including a question of adjourning the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying Proxy will vote thereon according to their best judgment in the interests of the Company. If any of the nominees for office of director should withdraw or otherwise become unavailable for reasons not presently known, the persons named as proxies may vote for another person in his/her place in what they consider the best interests of the Company.

The Company is enclosing with this proxy a copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K including financial statements and schedules thereto filed with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2011. Any request for exhibits should be in writing addressed to Corporate Secretary, Alamo Group Inc., 1627 East Walnut Street, Seguin, Texas

78155.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ Robert H. George  
Robert H. George  
Secretary  
March 22, 2012

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