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E-mail to be sent by R. David Hoover on April 20, 2009:

Dear Fellow Ball Employee:

Our annual meeting of shareholders will be held Wednesday morning (April 22), and I am writing once more to encourage you to vote any Ball shares held by you, if you have not already done so. I urge you to vote as recommended by our Board of Directors.

As of late last week, only about 20 percent of the shares in the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 401(k) plan had been voted. That means four out of five of those shares still could be voted today or tomorrow, by telephone or via the Internet. In addition, you may hold shares directly, outside of these plans, which you are also entitled to vote.

Our Board of Directors is recommending a vote FOR Proposals 1 and 2 and a vote against Proposal 3.

Proposal 1 is to elect three directors for three-year terms expiring at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in 2012. We encourage you to vote in favor of the reelection of this year's slate of three directors.

Proposal 2 is to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the company for 2009.

I encourage you to vote AGAINST Proposal 3.

The board is recommending that you vote AGAINST Proposal 3, which is a proposal to declassify the Board of Directors. The company believes that the current staggered board (in which approximately one-third of the directors are elected annually to serve three-year terms) has assisted Ball in maintaining the stability of the company and in preventing the interference in our business by proponents of unwanted takeovers, restructuring or other potentially unwise actions.

You may submit your vote via the Internet at www.investorvote.com or by telephone (1-800-652-8683) by following the instructions contained in your proxy card, notice of Internet availability of proxy materials or voting instruction form.

If you have already voted your shares, I thank you. If you have not yet voted, I encourage you to review the proxy materials and vote, no matter how many shares you own. Your vote is very important, and failure to vote does not automatically default in support of the Board of Directors' recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Dave Hoover
Chairman, President & CEO

