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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. Annual Meeting to be Held on April 20, 2016

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

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Shareholder Meeting Notice

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on April 20, 2016 at the Stanley Black & Decker University, 1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut 06053, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all nominees, **FOR** Proposals 2 and 3, and **AGAINST** Proposal 4.

1. Election of Directors. Nominees are:

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| 1. Andrea J. Ayers | 7. Michael D. Hankin |
| 2. George W. Buckley | 8. Anthony Luiso |
| 3. Patrick D. Campbell | 9. John F. Lundgren |
| 4. Carlos M. Cardoso | 10. Marianne M. Parrs |
| 5. Robert B. Coutts | 11. Robert L. Ryan |
| 6. Debra A. Crew | |

2. Approve the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the Company's 2016 fiscal year.
3. Approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
4. Consider a shareholder proposal that the Company adopt a general payout policy that gives preference to share repurchases (relative to cash dividends) as a method to return capital to shareholders.

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