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**Notice of 2007
Annual Meeting
Proxy Statement
Annual Financial Information
and Review of Operations**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Tuesday, April 24, 2007
2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.
1 Chase Manhattan Plaza
28th Floor
New York, NY 10005

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of AMETEK, Inc. At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to:

1. Elect two Directors for a term of three years;
2. Approve a proposed amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation increasing authorized shares of Common Stock from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000;
3. Approve the AMETEK, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan;
4. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2007; and
5. Transact any other business properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 9, 2007 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Your vote is important. You can vote in one of four ways: (1) by computer using the Internet, (2) by telephone using a toll-free number, (3) by marking, signing and dating your proxy card, and returning it promptly in the enclosed envelope, or (4) by casting your vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Directions to J. P. Morgan Chase & Co. are located on the back cover of the Proxy Statement. Please refer to your proxy card for specific proxy voting instructions.

We have included the annual financial information relating to our business and operations in Appendix B to the Proxy Statement. We also have enclosed a Summary Annual Report.

We hope that you take advantage of the convenience and cost savings of voting by computer or by telephone. A sizable electronic turnout would significantly reduce return-postage fees.

We urge you to vote your shares either by computer, telephone or mailing your proxy as soon as possible, or in person at the Annual Meeting. We appreciate your interest in AMETEK.

Sincerely,

Frank S. Hermance

*Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer*

Paoli, Pennsylvania

Dated: March 16, 2007

Principal executive offices

37 North Valley Road Building 4

P.O. Box 1764

Paoli, Pennsylvania 19301-0801

PROXY STATEMENT

We are mailing this Proxy Statement and proxy card to its stockholders of record as of March 9, 2007 on or about March 16, 2007. The Board of Directors is soliciting proxies in connection with the election of Directors and other actions to be taken at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and at any adjournment or postponement of that Meeting. The Board of Directors encourages you to read the Proxy Statement and to vote on the matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

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VOTING PROCEDURES

Your vote is very important. It is important that your views be represented whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting.

Who can vote? Stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 9, 2007 are entitled to vote. On that date, _____ shares of our Common Stock were issued and outstanding and eligible to vote. Each share is entitled to one vote on each matter presented at the Annual Meeting.

How do I vote? You can vote your shares at the Annual Meeting if you are present in person or represented by proxy. You can designate the individuals named on the enclosed proxy card as your proxies by mailing a properly executed proxy card or by the Internet or telephone. You may revoke your proxy at any time before the Annual Meeting by delivering written notice to the Corporate Secretary, by submitting a proxy card bearing a later date or by appearing in person and casting a ballot at the Annual Meeting.

To submit your proxy by mail, indicate your voting choices, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. You may vote by the Internet or telephone by following the instructions on your proxy card. Your Internet or telephone vote authorizes the persons named on the proxy card to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned the proxy card to us.

If you hold your shares through a broker, bank or other nominee, that institution will send to you separate instructions describing the procedure for voting your shares.

What shares are represented by the proxy card? The proxy card represents all the shares registered in your name. If you participate in the AMETEK, Inc. Investors Choice Dividend Reinvestment & Direct Stock Purchase and Sale Plan, the card also represents any full shares held in your account. If you are an employee who participates in an AMETEK employee savings plan and you also hold shares in your own name, you will receive a single proxy card for the plan shares, which are attributable to the units that you hold in the plan, and the shares registered in your name. Your proxy card or proxy submitted through the Internet or by telephone will serve as voting instructions to the plan trustee.

How are shares voted? If you return a properly executed proxy card or submit voting instructions by the Internet or telephone before voting at the Annual Meeting is closed, the individuals named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card will vote in accordance with the directions you provide. If you return a signed and dated proxy card but do not indicate how the shares are to be voted, those shares will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors. A valid proxy card or a vote by the Internet or telephone also authorizes the individuals named as proxies to vote your shares in their discretion on any other matters which, although not described in the Proxy Statement, are properly presented for action at the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held by a broker, bank or other holder of record, please refer to the instructions they provide for voting your shares. If you want to vote those shares in person at the Annual Meeting, you must bring a signed proxy from the broker, bank or other holder of record giving you the right to vote the shares.

If you are an employee who participates in an AMETEK employee savings plan and you do not return a proxy card or otherwise give voting instructions for the plan shares, the trustee will vote those shares in the same proportion as the shares for which the trustee receives voting instructions from other participants in that plan. Your proxy voting instructions must be received by April 19, 2007 to enable the savings plan trustee to tabulate the vote of the plan shares prior to the Annual Meeting.

How many votes are required? A majority of the shares of our outstanding Common Stock entitled to vote at the Meeting must be represented in person or by proxy in order to have a quorum present at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a bank, broker or other holder of record holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because that holder does not have discretionary voting power for the particular proposal and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. If a quorum is not present, the Annual Meeting will be rescheduled for a later date.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast. This means that the two candidates for election as Directors receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve until the Annual Meeting in 2010. The approval of the proposed amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation increasing the number of authorized shares of Common Stock requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of all outstanding shares of Common Stock of AMETEK entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As a result, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal. The approval of the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan and the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of eligible shares present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, and voting on the matter. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes for or against these proposals.

Who will tabulate the vote? Our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, will tally the vote, which will be certified by independent inspectors of election.

Is my vote confidential? It is our policy to maintain the confidentiality of proxy cards, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual stockholders, except where disclosure is mandated by law and in other limited circumstances.

Who is the proxy solicitor? We have retained Georgeson Shareholder Communications, Inc. to assist in the distribution of proxy materials and solicitation of votes. We will pay Georgeson Shareholder Communications, Inc. a fee of \$8,000, plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law and our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, our business and affairs are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. We provide information to the Directors about our business through, among other things, operating, financial and other reports, as well as other documents presented at meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees of the Board.

Our Board of Directors currently consists of nine members. They are Lewis G. Cole, Sheldon S. Gordon, Frank S. Hermance, Steven W. Kohlhagen, Charles D. Klein, James R. Malone, David P. Steinmann, Elizabeth R. Varet and Dennis K. Williams. The biographies of the continuing Directors and Director nominees appear on page _____. The Board is divided into three classes with staggered terms of three years each, so that the term of one class expires at each Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In accordance with our Director retirement policy, Mr. Cole will not stand for re-election at this year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board has nominated the other two current Class I Directors, Messrs. Kohlhagen and Klein, to serve as Class I Directors until the 2010 Annual Meeting. In addition, in accordance with our Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, the Board decreased the number of Class I Directors from three to two, thereby decreasing the size of the Board from nine to eight Directors. Mr. Helmut N. Friedlaender, who served as a Director from 1955 to 2006, currently serves as a Director Emeritus.

Corporate Governance Guidelines and Codes of Ethics. The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that address the practices of the Board and specify criteria to assist the Board in determining Director independence. These criteria supplement the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct sets forth rules of conduct that apply to all of our Directors, officers and employees. We also have adopted a separate Code of Ethical Conduct for our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers. The Guidelines and Codes of Ethics are

available on our Web site at www.ametek.com/investors as well as in printed form, free of charge to any stockholder who requests them, by writing or telephoning the Investor Relations Department, AMETEK, Inc., 37 North Valley Road Building 4, P.O. Box 1764, Paoli, PA 19301-0801 (Telephone Number: 1-800-473-1286). The Board of Directors and our management do not intend to grant any waivers of the provisions of either Code. In the unlikely event a waiver for a Director or an executive officer occurs, the action will be disclosed promptly at the Web site address noted above. If the Guidelines or the Codes are amended, the revised versions also will be posted on the Web site.

Meetings of the Board. Our Board of Directors has four regularly scheduled meetings each year. Special meetings are held as necessary. In addition, management and the Directors frequently communicate informally on a variety of topics, including suggestions for Board or Committee agenda items, recent developments and other matters of interest to the Directors.

The independent Directors meet in executive session at least once a year outside of the presence of any management Directors and other members of our management. The presiding Director at the executive sessions rotates among the chairpersons of the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee. During executive sessions, the Directors may consider such matters as they deem appropriate. Following each executive session, the results of the deliberations and any recommendations are communicated to the full Board of Directors.

Directors are expected to attend all meetings of the Board and each Committee on which they serve and are expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Our Board met in person a total of four times in 2006. Each of the Directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and the Committees to which the Director was assigned. All nine Directors attended the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Independence . The Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that each of the current Non-Management Directors, Lewis G. Cole, Sheldon S. Gordon, Steven W. Kohlhagen, Charles D. Klein, James R. Malone, David P. Steinmann, Elizabeth R. Varet and Dennis K. Williams, has no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and, therefore, is an independent Director within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange rules. The Board has further determined that each member of the Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance/Nominating Committees is independent within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange rules. The members of the Audit Committee also satisfy Securities and Exchange Commission regulatory independence requirements for audit committee members.

The Board has established the following standards to assist it in determining Director independence: A Director will not be deemed independent if: (i) within the previous three years or currently, (a) the Director has been employed by us; (b) someone in the Director's immediate family has been employed by us as an executive officer; or (c) the Director or someone in her/his immediate family has been employed as an executive officer of another entity that concurrently has or had as a member of its compensation committee of the board of directors any of our present executive officers; (ii) (a) the Director or someone in the Director's immediate family is a current partner of a firm that is our internal or external auditor; (b) the Director is a current employee of the firm, or someone in the Director's immediate family is a current employee of the firm who participates in the firm's audit, assurance or tax compliance (but not tax planning) practice; or (c) the Director or someone in the Director's immediate family is a former partner or employee of such a firm and personally worked on our audit within the last three years; (iii) the Director received, or someone in the Director's immediate family received, during any twelve-month period within the last three years, more than \$100,000 in direct compensation from us, other than Director and committee fees and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service) and, in the case of an immediate family member, other than compensation for service as our employee (other than an executive officer). The following commercial or charitable relationships will not be considered material relationships: (i) if the Director is a current employee or holder of more than ten percent of the equity of, or someone in her/his immediate family is a current executive officer or holder of more than ten percent of the equity of, another company that has made payments to, or received payments from, us for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years of the other company, does not exceed \$1 million or two percent of the other company's consolidated gross revenues, whichever is greater, or (ii) if the Director is a current executive officer of a charitable

organization, and we made charitable contributions to the charitable organization in

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any of the charitable organization's last three fiscal years that do not exceed \$1 million or two percent of the charitable organization's consolidated gross revenues, whichever is greater. For the purposes of these categorical standards, the terms "immediate family member" and "executive officer" have the meanings set forth in the New York Stock Exchange's corporate governance rules.

All independent Directors satisfied these categorical standards.

In considering the independence of the Non-Management Directors, the Board considered some relationships that it concluded did not impair the Director's independence. In addition to the relationships described below under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions," the Board considered that Mr. Klein, Mr. Steinmann and Ms. Varet may be deemed to have a relationship with an entity that purchases motors from us. In addition, the Board considered Mr. Cole's position as of counsel to a law firm that rendered services to us in 2006.

Communication with Non-Management Directors and Audit Committee. Stockholders and other parties who wish to communicate with the Non-Management Directors may do so by calling 1-877-263-8357 (in the United States and Canada) or 1-610-889-5271. If you prefer to communicate in writing, address your correspondence to the Corporate Secretary Department, Attention: Non-Management Directors, AMETEK, Inc., 37 North Valley Road Building 4, P.O. Box 1764, Paoli, PA 19301-0801.

You may address complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters to the Audit Committee by calling 1-866-531-3079 (Domestic - English only) or 1-866-551-8006 (International - Foreign Languages).

Committees of the Board. Our Board Committees include Audit, Compensation, Corporate Governance/Nominating, Pension Investment and Executive. The Charters of the Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance/Nominating Committees are available on our Web site at www.ametek.com/investors as well as in printed form, free of charge to any stockholder who requests them, by writing or telephoning the Investor Relations Department, AMETEK, Inc., 37 North Valley Road Building 4, P.O. Box 1764, Paoli, PA 19301-0801 (Telephone Number: 1-800-473-1286). Each of the Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance/Nominating Committees conducts an annual assessment to assist it in evaluating whether, among other things, it has sufficient information, resources and time to fulfill its obligations and whether it is performing its obligations effectively. Each Committee may retain advisors to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities.

The Audit Committee has the sole authority to retain, compensate, terminate, oversee and evaluate our independent auditors. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for:

- review and approval in advance of all audit and lawfully permitted non-audit services performed by the independent auditors;

- review and discussion with management and the independent auditors regarding the annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements included in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings and quarterly sales and earnings announcements;

- oversight of our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

- review of the performance of our internal audit function;

- meeting separately with the independent auditors and our internal auditors as often as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee; and

- review of major issues regarding accounting principles, financial statement presentation and the adequacy of internal controls.

The Committee met eight times during 2006. The Board of Directors has determined that Sheldon S. Gordon is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission's regulations. The members of the Committee are Sheldon S. Gordon Chairperson, Steven W. Kohlhagen and James R. Malone. Mr. Kohlhagen currently serves on the audit committees of boards of directors of seven related Merrill Lynch closed-end investment companies (all of which have identical board compositions and committee structures), which funds are publicly traded. After its review and consideration of Mr. Kohlhagen's simultaneous service on the audit committees of the Merrill Lynch closed-end investment companies, the Board has determined that Mr. Kohlhagen's simultaneous service on those audit committees does not impair his ability to serve effectively on our Audit Committee.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- establishment and periodic review of our compensation philosophy and the adequacy of the compensation plans for our officers and other employees;

- establishment of compensation arrangements and incentive goals for officers and administration of compensation plans;

- review of the performance of officers, award of incentive compensation and adjustment of compensation arrangements as appropriate based on performance;

- review and monitoring of management development and succession plans; and

- periodic review of the compensation of non-employee Directors.

The Committee met five times during 2006. The members of the Committee are Charles D. Klein Chairperson, James R. Malone and Elizabeth R. Varet. In carrying out its duties, the Compensation Committee makes compensation decisions for approximately 30 officers, including all executive officers. The Compensation Committee charter does not provide for delegation of the Committee's duties and responsibilities. The charter provides that, in setting compensation for the Chief Executive Officer, the Committee will review and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance and leadership, taking into account the views of other members of the Board. The charter further provides that, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer, the Committee evaluates the performance of other officers and determines compensation for these officers. In this regard, Compensation Committee meetings are regularly attended by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer does not participate in determinations of his compensation. The Compensation Committee has authority under the charter to retain and set compensation for compensation consultants and other advisors. The Committee has engaged Towers Perrin to provide advice and data. Towers Perrin provides other consulting services to us.

The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- selection of nominees for election as Directors, subject to ratification by the Board;

- recommendation of a Director to serve as Chairperson of the Board;

- recommendation to the Board of the responsibilities of Board Committees and each Committee's membership;

- oversight of the annual evaluation of the Board and the Audit and Compensation Committees; and

- review and assessment of the adequacy of our Corporate Governance Guidelines.

The Committee met four times during 2006. The members of the Committee are James R. Malone Chairperson, Charles D. Klein, David P. Steinmann and Dennis K. Williams.

The Pension Investment Committee reviews the administration of our retirement plans, including compliance, investment manager and trustee performance, and the results of independent audits of the plans. The Committee met four times during 2006. The members of the Committee are Lewis G. Cole Chairperson, Sheldon S. Gordon, Steven W. Kohlhagen and David P. Steinmann.

The Executive Committee has limited powers to act on behalf of the Board whenever the Board is not in session. The Committee did not meet during 2006. The members of the Committee are Frank S. Hermance Chairperson, Charles D. Klein, Elizabeth R. Varet and Dennis K. Williams.

Consideration of Director Candidates. The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee considers candidates for Board membership. The Charter of the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee requires that the Committee consider and recommend to the Board the appropriate size, function and composition of the Board, so that the Board as a whole collectively possesses a broad range of skills, industry and other knowledge, and business and other experience useful for the effective oversight of our business. The Board also seeks members from diverse backgrounds who have a reputation for integrity. In addition, Directors should have experience in positions with a high degree of responsibility, be leaders in the companies or institutions with which they are affiliated, and be selected based upon contributions that they can make to our company. The Committee considers all of these qualities when nominating candidates for Director.

Stockholders can recommend qualified candidates for Director by writing to the Corporate Secretary, AMETEK, Inc., 37 North Valley Road Building 4, P.O. Box 1764, Paoli, PA 19301-0801. Stockholder submissions must include the following information: (1) the name of the candidate and the information about the individual that would be required to be included in a proxy statement under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission; (2) information about the relationship between the candidate and the nominating shareholder; (3) the consent of the candidate to serve as a director; and (4) proof of the number of shares of our Common Stock that the recommending stockholder owns and the length of time that the shares have been owned. To enable consideration of a candidate in connection with the 2008 Annual Meeting, a stockholder must submit materials relating to the suggested candidate no later than November 17, 2007. In considering any candidate proposed by a stockholder, the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee will reach a conclusion based on the criteria described above in the same manner as for other candidates. The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee also may seek additional information regarding the candidate. After full consideration by the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee, the stockholder proponent will be notified of the decision of the Committee.

Director Compensation. Standard compensation arrangements for Directors in 2006 are described below. All information regarding restricted stock and stock options has been adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split paid to stockholders on November 27, 2006.

Fees Non-employee Directors received an annual fee of \$35,000, except for the Chairmen of the Compensation, Corporate Governance/Nominating and Pension Investment Committees, who received an annual fee of \$40,000, and the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who received an annual fee of \$45,000. In addition, non-employee Directors received \$3,750 for each of the four regular meetings of the Board of Directors they attended. There were no additional fees for attendance at Committee meetings.

Restricted Stock On April 26, 2006, under our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, each non-employee Director received a restricted stock award of 1,080 shares of our Common Stock. These restricted shares vest on the earliest to occur of:

the closing price of our Common Stock on any five consecutive trading days equaling or exceeding \$66.14,

the death or disability of the Director,

the Director's termination of service as a member of AMETEK's Board of Directors in connection with a change of control,

the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, namely April 26, 2010, or

the Director's retirement from service as a member of the Board of Directors at or after age 55 and the completion of at least 10 years of service with us, in which case only a pro rata portion of the shares becomes non-forfeitable and transferable, based upon the time that has elapsed since the date of grant.

Options On April 26, 2006, under our Stock Incentive Plan, each non-employee Director received an option to purchase 3,645 shares of our Common Stock, at an exercise price equal to the average of the highest and lowest quoted selling prices of AMETEK's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange composite tape on the date of grant. Stock options become exercisable as to the underlying shares in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant.

The following table provides information regarding Director compensation in 2006, which reflects the standard compensation described above and certain other payments. The table does not include compensation for reimbursement of travel expenses related to attending Board, Committee and AMETEK business meetings, and approved educational seminars. In addition, the table does not address compensation for Mr. Hermance, which is addressed under "Executive Compensation" below. Mr. Hermance does not receive additional compensation for serving as a Director.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION 2006

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in			Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified		All Other Compensation (3)	Total
	Cash	Stock Awards(1)	Option Awards (2)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Deferred Compensation Earnings		
Lewis G. Cole	\$ 55,000	\$ 25,256	\$ 34,956				\$ 115,212
Sheldon S. Gordon	60,000	25,256	34,956				120,212
Charles D. Klein	55,000	25,256	34,956				115,212
Steven W. Kohlhagen	37,500	5,953	5,826			\$5,000	54,279
James R. Malone	55,000	25,256	34,956				115,212
David P. Steinmann	50,000	25,256	34,956				110,212
Elizabeth R. Varet	50,000	25,256	34,956				110,212
Dennis K. Williams	37,500	5,953	5,826				49,279

(1) The amounts shown for stock awards relate to restricted

shares granted under our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. These amounts are equal to the dollar amounts recognized in 2006 with respect to the Directors' stock awards for financial reporting purposes, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), which we refer to below as SFAS 123(R), but without giving effect to estimated forfeitures. The grant date fair value of stock awards granted to each Director in 2006, computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R), was \$35,712. The assumptions used in determining the amounts in this column are set forth in note 9 to our consolidated financial statements on page ___ of Appendix B to this proxy statement. At December 31, 2006, Messrs. Cole, Gordon, Klein, Malone and Steinmann and Ms. Varet each held 4,455 restricted shares and Messrs. Kohlhagen and Williams each

held 1,080
restricted shares.

(2) The amounts shown for option awards relate to stock options granted under our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. These amounts are equal to the dollar amounts recognized in 2006 with respect to the Directors option awards for financial reporting purposes, computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R), but without giving effect to estimated forfeitures. The assumptions used in determining the amounts in this column are set forth in note 9 to our consolidated financial statements on page ___ of Appendix B to this proxy statement. The grant date fair value of option awards granted to each Director in 2006, computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R), was \$34,968. At December 31, 2006, Messrs. Cole, Gordon, Klein, Malone and Steinmann and Ms. Varet each held options to purchase 12,795 shares of our Common Stock and

Messrs. Kohlhagen and Williams each held options to purchase 3,645 shares of our Common Stock.

- (3) Represents fees for consulting services performed prior to Mr. Kohlhagen's election as a non-employee Director in April 2006.

Directors who first became members of the Board of Directors prior to January 1, 1997 participate in a retirement plan for Directors. Under this plan, each non-employee Director who has provided at least three years of service to us as a Director receives an annual retirement benefit equal to 100% of that Director's highest annual rate of cash compensation during the Director's service with the Board. Mr. Steinmann and Ms. Varet have accrued an annual retirement benefit of \$50,000. Messrs. Cole, Klein and Malone have accrued an annual retirement benefit of \$55,000. Mr. Gordon has accrued an annual retirement benefit of \$60,000.

Directors who first became members of the Board of Directors prior to July 22, 2004 participate in our Death Benefit Program for Directors. Under this program, each non-employee Director has an individual agreement that pays the Director (or the Director's beneficiary in the event of the Director's death) an annual amount equal to 100% of that Director's highest annual rate of cash compensation during the Director's service with the Board. The payments are made for 10 years beginning at the earlier of (a) the Director's being retired and having attained age 70 or (b) the Director's death. Directors elected after January 1, 1989 must complete five years of service as a Director in order to receive benefits under this program. The program is funded by individual life insurance policies that we purchased on the lives of the Directors. In addition, non-employee Directors who first became members of the Board of Directors prior to July 27, 2005 have a group term life insurance benefit of \$50,000. We retain the right to terminate any of the individual agreements under certain circumstances.

Mandatory Retirement. The retirement policy for our Board of Directors prohibits a Director from standing for re-election following his or her 75th birthday.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions. Mr. Kohlhagen's brother-in-law is employed by us in a non-executive officer capacity and received compensation in excess of \$120,000 in 2006. Mr. Hermance's son is employed by us in a non-executive officer capacity and received compensation in excess of \$120,000 in 2006. Under our written Related Party Transactions Policy, transactions that would require disclosure under SEC regulations must be approved in advance by the Audit Committee. The relationships described above were ratified by the Audit Committee under the policy.

ADVANCE NOTICE PROCEDURES

In accordance with our By-Laws, stockholders must give us notice relating to nominations for Director or proposed business to be considered at our 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders no earlier than January 23, 2008 nor later than February 22, 2008. These requirements do not affect the deadline for submitting stockholder proposals for inclusion in the proxy statement or for suggesting candidates for consideration by the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee, nor do they apply to questions a stockholder may wish to ask at the Annual Meeting. Stockholders may request a copy of the By-Law provisions discussed above from the Corporate Secretary, AMETEK, Inc., 37 North Valley Road Building 4, P.O. Box 1764, Paoli, PA 19301-0801.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2008 PROXY STATEMENT

To be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, stockholder proposals must be received at our executive offices no later than November 17, 2007.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set forth in its Charter, which is accessible on AMETEK's Web site at www.ametek.com/investors. Among other things, the Charter charges the Committee with the responsibility for reviewing AMETEK's audited financial statements and the financial reporting process. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Committee reviewed with management and Ernst & Young LLP, AMETEK's independent registered public accounting firm, the audited financial statements contained in AMETEK's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K and included in Appendix B to this Proxy Statement. The Committee discussed with Ernst & Young LLP the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, *Communication with Audit Committees*, as amended.

In addition, the Committee received the written disclosures and letter from Ernst & Young LLP required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, *Independence Discussions with Audit Committees*, and has discussed with Ernst & Young LLP its independence.

The Committee discussed with AMETEK's internal auditors and Ernst & Young LLP the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. The Committee met with the internal auditors and Ernst & Young LLP, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of AMETEK's disclosure control process and internal control over financial reporting, and the overall quality of AMETEK's financial reporting. The Committee held eight meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, which included telephone meetings prior to quarterly earnings announcements.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board approved, the inclusion of the audited financial statements in AMETEK's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

The Audit Committee:

Sheldon S. Gordon, Chairperson

Steven W. Kohlhagen

James R. Malone

Dated: March 16, 2007

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
(Proposal 1 on Proxy Card)**

The nominees for election at this year's Annual Meeting are Charles D. Klein and Steven W. Kohlhagen. Messrs. Klein and Kohlhagen have been nominated to serve as Class I Directors and, if elected, will serve until the Annual Meeting in 2010.

All proxies received will be voted for the election of the nominees unless the stockholder submitting the proxy gives other directions. Nominees will be elected by holders of a plurality of shares represented either in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. If any nominee is unable to serve, the shares represented by all valid proxies will be voted for the election of such other person as the Board may nominate, unless the Board determines to reduce the number of Directors.

The Directors' biographies are set forth on page _____.

Your Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Each of the Nominees.

**APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION INCREASING
AUTHORIZED SHARES OF COMMON STOCK
(Proposal 2 on Proxy Card)**

Under Article FOURTH, Section 1 of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, we presently are authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of Common Stock with a par value of \$.01 per share. On November 27, 2006, we effected a three-for-two stock split of our Common Stock but did not at that time increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock. Accordingly, we are proposing to amend Section 1 of Article FOURTH of our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of Common Stock that we are authorized to issue from 200,000,000 to 400,000,000 shares. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

FOURTH. Section 1. Authorized Capital Stock. The Company is authorized to issue two classes of capital stock, designated Common Stock and Preferred Stock. The total number of shares of capital stock that the Company is authorized to issue is 405,000,000 shares, consisting of 400,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

At February 28, 2007, there were _____ shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding and _____ shares were reserved for issuance under our stock incentive plans. No shares of preferred stock are outstanding, and the proposed amendment will not affect the number of authorized shares of preferred stock.

The Board of Directors believes that it is in the best interests of our company and our stockholders to increase the number of authorized shares of Common Stock. The increase in authorized shares will provide flexibility with respect to future transactions, including acquisitions of other businesses, because we will have the ability to use our Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for Common Stock) as consideration for such transactions. We also may use such additional shares for financing transactions, stock splits and other corporate purposes. The additional shares will enable us to avoid the time-consuming and costly need to hold a special meeting of stockholders each time we determine to use Common Stock for these purposes. Moreover, occasions may arise when the time required to obtain stockholder approval might delay our ability to enter into a desirable transaction.

If the proposal is approved, the Board of Directors will have the sole discretion to issue the additional authorized shares of Common Stock on such terms and for such consideration as it may determine, and no further approval by stockholders would be necessary, except as may be required by law or applicable New York Stock Exchange rules. In some cases, generally relating to the number of shares to be issued and the identity of the recipient, the rules of the New York Stock Exchange require stockholder authorization before we can issue Common Stock.

Stockholders will not have any preemptive rights with respect to the additional shares being authorized. The issuance of any additional shares of Common Stock may have the effect of diluting the percentage of stock ownership of our present stockholders.

The affirmative vote of holders of a majority of all outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote on this proposal at the Annual Meeting is required in order for the proposed amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to be adopted.

Your Board of Directors recommends a Vote FOR this Proposal.

**APPROVAL OF THE AMETEK, INC. 2007
OMNIBUS INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN
(Proposal 3 on Proxy Card)**

On February 23, 2007, the Board of Directors adopted the AMETEK, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan (the Plan), subject to stockholder approval. The Board of Directors has directed that the proposal to approve the Plan be submitted to our stockholders for their approval at the Annual Meeting.

We believe that the Plan will enhance our ability to attract, retain and motivate top quality employees and encourage them to contribute to our growth. We also believe that the Plan will enable us to continue to align the interests of our employees and directors with those of our stockholders through the grant to employees and directors of stock options, stock units, stock awards or stock appreciation rights under the Plan.

The Plan is intended to enable the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors to make annual bonus awards to executives based on achievement of objective performance goals, in accordance with the requirements for qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.

The Committee also may grant to executives other bonuses as the Committee deems appropriate, which may be based on such criteria as the Committee determines. Decisions with respect to these bonuses will be made separate and apart from the bonus awards intended to qualify under Section 162(m).

We intend to continue to grant stock options and other equity awards under our existing equity plans, from the shares reserved for issuance under those plans.

If approved by the stockholders, the Plan will become effective on February 23, 2007. Any grant or annual bonus award made under the Plan prior to the Annual Meeting will be subject to stockholder approval of the Plan at the Annual Meeting. If for any reason the stockholders do not approve the Plan at the Annual Meeting, the Plan will immediately terminate and no grants or bonus awards will be made under the Plan.

The material terms of the Plan are summarized below. A copy of the full text of the Plan is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A. This summary of the Plan is not intended to be a complete description of the Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the actual text of the Plan to which reference is made.

Material Features of the Plan

General. The Plan provides that grants and awards may be made in any of the following forms:

Incentive stock options

Nonqualified stock options

Stock units

Stock awards

Stock appreciation rights

Performance-based cash bonus awards

The Plan authorizes up to 3,500,000 shares of Common Stock for issuance. Within this limit, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which stock awards and stock units may be issued during the term of the Plan is 1,050,000 shares. The last reported sale price of our Common Stock on February 28, 2007, was \$_____ per share.

If and to the extent options and stock appreciation rights granted under the Plan terminate, or are cancelled or exchanged without being exercised, or if any stock units or stock awards are forfeited or terminated, or otherwise not paid in full, the shares subject to such grants will become available again for purposes of the Plan. Shares of Common Stock surrendered in payment of the exercise price of an option, and shares withheld or surrendered for payment of taxes, will not be available for reissuance under the Plan. If stock appreciation rights are exercised, the full number of shares subject to the stock appreciation rights will be considered issued under the Plan, without regard to the number of shares issued upon exercise of the stock appreciation rights and without regard to any cash settlement of the stock appreciation rights. A grant of stock units that is designated in the grant agreement to be paid in cash, rather than in shares of Common Stock, will not count against the foregoing share limits.

The Plan provides that the maximum aggregate number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which grants may be made to any individual during any calendar year is 1,225,000 shares. All grants under the Plan will be expressed in shares of Common Stock.

All share limits described above are subject to adjustment in certain circumstances as described below.

Administration. The Plan will be administered and interpreted by the Compensation Committee, or such other committee of non-employee Directors as may be appointed by the Board to administer the Plan (the Committee). The Committee may appoint an administrative committee comprised of our employees to perform ministerial functions under the Plan.

The Committee has the authority to (i) determine the individuals to whom grants or bonus awards will be made under the Plan, (ii) determine the type, size, terms and conditions of the grants or bonus awards, (iii) determine when grants or bonus awards will be made, subject to our stock-based award grant practices, (iv) establish any performance goals for grants or bonus awards, (v) determine the duration of any applicable exercise or restriction period, including the criteria for exercisability or vesting and any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, (vi) amend the terms and conditions of any previously issued grant or bonus award, subject to the limitations described below, and (vii) deal with any other matters arising under the Plan.

Eligibility for Participation. All of our employees and non-employee Directors are eligible to receive grants under the Plan. As of March 31, 2007, we estimate that approximately 300 employees and eight non-employee Directors will be designated to receive grants under the Plan. Only executives are eligible to receive bonus awards under the Plan.

Types of Awards.

Stock Options

We may grant options that are intended to qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code (ISOs) or nonqualified stock options that are not intended to so qualify (NQSOs). Anyone eligible to participate in the Plan may receive a grant of NQSOs. Only employees may receive a grant of ISOs.

The Committee will fix the exercise price per share and term of each option on the date of grant. The exercise price must be equal to or greater than the last reported sale price of the underlying shares of Common Stock on the date of grant, and the term of each option may not exceed seven years. The Committee will determine under what circumstances, if any, and during what time periods a participant may exercise an option after termination of employment or service.

An ISO may not be granted to an employee who holds more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of outstanding stock. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value of shares of Common Stock, determined on the date of grant, with respect to which ISOs become exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, such ISOs will be treated as NQSOs.

A participant may pay the exercise price and any withholding taxes for an option: (i) in cash; (ii) if the Committee permits, by delivering shares of Common Stock already owned by the participant and having a fair market value on the date of exercise equal to the exercise price or by attestation to ownership of shares of Common Stock having an aggregate fair market value on the date of exercise equal to the exercise price; (iii) by payment through a broker in accordance with the procedures permitted by Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board; or (iv) by such other method as the Committee may approve.

Stock Units

The Committee may grant stock units, which provide the participants with the right to receive, at a future date, a share of Common Stock or an amount based on the value of a share of Common Stock. The Committee will determine the terms and conditions of the stock units, including (i) whether stock units will become payable based on achievement of performance goals or other conditions, (ii) and whether stock units will be paid at the end of a specified period or deferred to a date authorized by the Committee. The Committee will determine in the grant agreement under what circumstances, if any, a participant may retain stock units after termination of employment or service. If a stock unit becomes distributable, it will be paid to the participant in cash, in shares of Common Stock, or in a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock, as determined by the Committee.

The Committee may grant dividend equivalents in connection with stock units on such terms and conditions as it determines. Dividend equivalents will be payable in cash or shares of Common Stock and may be paid currently or may be deferred.

Stock Awards

The Committee may grant stock awards having such terms and conditions, including vesting conditions, as the Committee determines. However, all stock awards must have a vesting period of at least three years, except upon the occurrence of such circumstance or event as, in the opinion of the Committee, merits special consideration. The Committee will determine in the grant agreement under what circumstances, if any, a participant may retain unvested stock awards after termination of employment or service.

The Committee will determine to what extent and under what conditions participants will have the right to vote shares of Common Stock subject to stock awards and to receive dividends paid on such shares during the restriction period. The Committee may determine that a participant's entitlement to dividends with respect to stock awards will be subject to the achievement of performance goals or other conditions. Accumulated dividends may be paid in cash or in such other form as the Committee determines.

Stock Appreciation Rights

The Committee may grant stock appreciation rights to anyone eligible to participate in the Plan. Stock appreciation rights may be granted in connection with, or independently of, any option granted under the Plan. Upon exercise of a stock appreciation right, the participant will receive an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of exercise over the base amount for the stock appreciation right. Payment will be made in cash, shares of Common Stock, or a combination of the two.

The Committee will fix the base amount and term of each stock appreciation right on the date of grant. The base amount of each stock appreciation right will be not less than the last reported sale price of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant, and the term of each stock appreciation right may not exceed seven years. The Committee will determine the terms and conditions of stock appreciation rights, including when they become exercisable. Except as provided in the grant agreement, stock appreciation rights may be exercised only while the participant is employed by or providing service to us and our subsidiaries. The Committee will determine under what circumstances, if any, and during what time periods a participant may exercise a stock appreciation right after termination of employment or service.

Qualified Performance-Based Compensation

The Plan permits the Committee to impose objective performance goals that must be met with respect to grants of stock units, stock awards, dividend equivalents or dividends granted to employees under the Plan, in order for the grants to be considered qualified performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code (see Federal Income Tax Consequences below). If the Committee determines to utilize performance goals, the Committee will establish in writing the performance goals that must be met, the applicable performance period, the amounts to be paid if the performance goals are met, and any other conditions. The Committee may provide in the grant agreement that qualified performance-based grants will be payable or restrictions on such grants will lapse, in whole or part, in the event of the participant's death or disability during the performance period, a change of control, or under other circumstances consistent with Department of Treasury regulations.

The performance goals, to the extent designed to meet the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code for preserving deductibility of award payouts, will be based on one or more of the following measures: stock price, earnings per share, diluted earnings per share, price-earnings multiples, net income, operating income, revenues, working capital, operating working capital, number of days sales outstanding in accounts receivable, inventory turnover, productivity, operating income margin, EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), net capital employed, return on assets, stockholder return, return on equity, return on capital employed, growth in assets, unit volume, sales, sales growth, return on sales, internal sales growth, operating cash flow, free cash flow, market share, relative performance to a comparison group designated by the Committee, or strategic business criteria consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified revenue goals, market penetration goals, customer growth, geographic business expansion goals, cost targets or goals relating to acquisitions or divestitures. The performance goals may relate to one or more business units or the performance of our company and subsidiaries as a whole, or any combination of the foregoing.

The Committee will not have the discretion to increase the amount of compensation that is payable, but may reduce the amount of compensation that is payable under grants it designates as qualified performance-based compensation. At the end of the performance period, the Committee will certify the performance results for the performance period, and determine the amount, if any, to be paid under each grant based on the achievement of the performance goals and the satisfaction of all other terms of the grant agreement.

If dividend equivalents or dividends are granted as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the participant may not accrue more than \$500,000 of such dividend equivalents or dividends during any calendar year.

Bonus Awards

In addition to the foregoing, the Committee may grant annual bonus awards under the Plan to executives, upon such terms and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate. The annual bonus awards are intended to meet the requirements of qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. Prior to, or soon after the beginning of, the performance period, the Committee will select the executives who will be eligible for bonus awards, specify the annual performance period and establish in writing the target bonus awards and performance goals for the performance period. A participant's target bonus award may provide for differing amounts to be paid based on differing thresholds of performance. The performance goals will be based on one or more of the measures described above under Qualified Performance-Based Compensation.

The Committee will not have the discretion to increase the amount of compensation that is payable based on achievement of the performance goals, but may reduce the amount of compensation based upon its assessment of personal performance or other factors. After the performance period ends, the Committee will certify the performance results for the performance period, and determine the amount, if any, to be paid under the bonus award, based on the achievement of the performance goals, the Committee's exercise of its discretion to reduce bonus awards and the satisfaction of all other terms of the bonus award. If a change of control occurs prior to the end of a performance period, the Committee may determine that each participant who is then an employee and was awarded a target bonus award for the performance period may receive a bonus award for the performance period, in such amount and at such time as the Committee determines.

The maximum bonus award designated as Section 162(m) qualified performance-based compensation that may be payable to any participant under the Plan for an annual performance period is \$5,000,000.

In addition to bonus awards that are designated as Section 162(m) qualified performance-based compensation, as described above, the Committee may grant to executives other bonuses that the Committee deems appropriate, which may be based on individual performance, our company's performance or such other criteria as the Committee determines. Decisions with respect to such bonuses shall be made separate and apart from the bonus awards described above.

Deferrals. The Committee may permit or require participants to defer receipt of the payment of cash or the delivery of shares of Common Stock that would otherwise be due to the participant in connection with any grant or bonus award under the Plan. The Committee will establish the rules and procedures applicable to any such deferrals.

Adjustment Provisions. In the event of a stock dividend, extraordinary dividend, spinoff, recapitalization, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, reorganization, consolidation or similar event, the number of shares of Common Stock available for grants, the various share limits described above, and the price per share or the applicable market value of such grants will be equitably adjusted by the Committee in order to preclude, to the extent practicable, the enlargement or dilution of the rights and benefits under such grants. Any adjustment to outstanding grants will be consistent with specified provisions of the Code, to the extent applicable.

Change of Control. In the event of a change of control, the Committee may take any of the following actions with respect to any or all outstanding grants under the Plan: (i) determine that all outstanding options and stock appreciation rights will become fully exercisable, the restrictions on all outstanding stock awards will lapse, and accumulated dividends will be paid, as of the date of the change of control or at such other time as the Committee determines; (ii) require that participants surrender their options and stock appreciation rights in exchange for payment by us, in cash or shares of Common Stock as determined by the Committee in an amount equal to the amount, if any, by which the then fair market value of the shares subject to the participant's unexercised options and stock appreciation rights exceeds the exercise price of the options or the base amount of the stock appreciation rights, as applicable; (iii) after giving participants the opportunity to exercise their options and stock appreciation rights, terminate any or all unexercised options and stock appreciation rights at such time as the Committee determines appropriate; (iv) determine that participants holding stock units will receive one or more payments in settlement of such stock units and accumulated dividend equivalents, in such amount and form and on such terms as

the Committee determines; or (v) determine that any grants that remain outstanding after the change of control will be converted to similar grants of the surviving corporation.

For purposes of the Plan, a change of control will be deemed to have occurred if one of the following events occurs:

Any person becomes the beneficial owner of securities representing 20% or more of the voting power of our securities, provided that a change of control will not occur as a result of a transaction in which we become a subsidiary of another corporation and in which our stockholders, immediately prior to the transaction, will own shares representing more than 50% of the parent corporation.

Consummation of a merger or consolidation whereby our stockholders immediately before the transaction do not own securities representing more than 50% of the voting power of the securities of the surviving company.

A sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets.

A plan of liquidation or dissolution of our company.

Transferability of Grants. Only the participant may exercise rights under a grant during the participant's lifetime. A participant may not transfer those rights except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. The Committee may provide, in a grant agreement, that a participant may transfer NQSOs to his or her family members, or one or more trusts or other entities for the benefit of or owned by such family members, consistent with applicable securities laws, according to such terms as the Committee may determine.

Bonus awards are not transferable. If a participant dies, any amounts payable after the participant's death under a bonus award will be paid to the personal representative or other person entitled to succeed to the participant's rights.

Participants Outside the United States. If any individual who receives a grant under the Plan is subject to taxation in a country other than the United States, the Committee may make the grant on such terms and conditions as the Committee determines appropriate to comply with the laws of the applicable country.

No Repricing of Options or Stock Appreciation Rights. Neither the Board of Directors nor the Committee can amend the Plan or options or stock appreciation rights previously granted under the Plan to permit a repricing of options or stock appreciation rights, without prior stockholder approval.

Amendment and Termination of the Plan. The Board of Directors may amend or terminate the Plan at any time, subject to stockholder approval if such approval is required under any applicable laws or stock exchange requirements. The Plan will terminate on February 22, 2017, unless the Plan is terminated earlier by the Board or is extended by the Board with stockholder approval.

Shareholder Approval for Qualified Performance-Based Compensation. The Plan must be re-approved by the our stockholders no later than the first stockholders' meeting that occurs in the fifth year following the year in which the stockholders previously approved the Plan, if grants or bonus awards designated as qualified performance-based compensation are to be made in the future.

Grants and Bonus Awards Under the Plan. No equity grants have been made under the Plan. Grants under the Plan are discretionary, so it currently is not possible to predict the number of shares of Common Stock that will be granted or who will receive grants under the Plan after the Annual Meeting.

New Plan Benefits

The following table shows the maximum dollar value of outstanding performance-based cash award opportunities that would have been granted under the Plan had it been in effect in 2006. These amounts represent the maximum dollar value of performance-based award opportunities that could have been paid to each of the executives identified in the table below for the annual performance period that commenced on January 1, 2006. The actual amounts paid to these executives are described in note 1 to the Summary Compensation Table. As of the date of this proxy statement, we have not yet established the maximum dollar value of performance-based cash award opportunities for executives under the plan for the annual performance period commencing on January 1, 2007. We anticipate that these awards will be granted only to the executives identified in the table below:

<i>Name and Position</i>	<i>Aggregate Maximum Dollar Value of Outstanding Award Opportunities</i>
Frank S. Hermance, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 1,120,000
John J. Molinelli, Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer	353,600
Robert W. Chlebek, President Electronic Instruments	364,000
David A. Zapico, President Electronic Instruments	357,933
Timothy N. Jones, President- Electromechanical Group	294,467

Federal Income Tax Consequences

The federal income tax consequences of grants under the Plan will depend on the type of grant. The following is only a general description of the application of federal income tax laws to grants and bonus awards under the Plan. This discussion is intended for the information of stockholders considering how to vote at the Annual Meeting; it is not intended to provide tax guidance to participants, as the consequences may vary with the types of grants or bonus awards made, the identity of the participants and the method of payment or settlement. In addition, the discussion relates to federal income tax laws as in effect on the date of this proxy statement, and these laws are subject to change. The summary does not address the effects of other federal taxes (including possible golden parachute excise taxes) or taxes imposed under state, local, or foreign tax laws.

From the participants' standpoint, as a general rule, ordinary income will be recognized at the time of delivery of shares of Common Stock or payment of cash under the Plan. Future appreciation on shares of Common Stock held beyond the ordinary income recognition event will be taxable as capital gain when the shares of Common Stock are sold. The tax rate applicable to capital gain will depend upon how long the participant holds the shares. Exceptions to these general rules arise under the following circumstances:

(i) If shares of Common Stock, when delivered, are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture by reason of any employment or performance-related condition, ordinary income taxation and our tax deduction will be delayed until the risk of forfeiture lapses, unless the participant makes a special election to accelerate taxation under Section 83(b) of the Code.

(ii) If an employee exercises a stock option that qualifies as an ISO, no ordinary income will be recognized, and we will not be entitled to any tax deduction, if shares of Common Stock acquired upon exercise of the stock option are held until the later of (A) one year from the date of exercise and (B) two years from the date of grant. However, if the employee disposes of the shares acquired upon exercise of an ISO before satisfying both holding period requirements, the employee will recognize ordinary income to the extent of the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise (or the amount realized on the disposition, if less) and the exercise price, and we will be entitled to a tax deduction in that amount. The gain, if any, in excess of the amount recognized as ordinary income will be long-term or short-term capital gain, depending upon the length of time the employee held the shares before the disposition.

(iii) A grant may be subject to a 20% tax, in addition to ordinary income tax, at the time the grant becomes vested, plus interest, if the grant constitutes deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code and the requirements of Section 409A of the Code are not satisfied.

We, as a general rule, will be entitled to a tax deduction that corresponds in time and amount to the ordinary income recognized by the participant, and we will not be entitled to any tax deduction with respect to capital gain income recognized by the participant.

Section 162(m) of the Code generally disallows a publicly held corporation's tax deduction for compensation paid to its chief executive officer or any of its four other most highly compensated officers in excess of \$1 million in any year. Qualified performance-based compensation is excluded from the \$1 million deductibility limit, and therefore remains fully deductible by the corporation that pays it. The terms of the Plan are designed to qualify options and stock appreciation rights granted under the Plan as qualified performance-based compensation. Stock units, stock awards, dividend equivalents, dividends and bonus awards granted under the Plan may qualify as qualified performance-based compensation if the Committee conditions such grants on the achievement of specific performance goals in accordance with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code.

We have the right to require that participants pay to us an amount necessary for us to satisfy our federal, state or local tax withholding obligations with respect to grants and bonus awards. We may withhold from other amounts payable to a participant an amount necessary to satisfy these obligations. The Committee may permit a participant to satisfy our withholding obligation with respect to grants paid in Common Stock by having shares withheld, at the time the grants become taxable, provided that the number of shares withheld does not exceed the individual's minimum applicable withholding tax rate for federal, state and local tax liabilities.

Vote Required for Approval

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy and voting on the matter is required to approve the Plan.

Your Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Approval of the Plan.

**RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM
(Proposal 4 on Proxy Card)**

The Audit Committee has appointed the firm of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Ernst & Young LLP and its predecessor has served continuously as our independent auditors since our incorporation in 1930. Although action by stockholders on this matter is not required, the Audit Committee believes that it is appropriate to seek stockholder ratification of this appointment, and the Audit Committee may reconsider the appointment if the stockholders do not ratify it.

Fees billed to us by Ernst & Young LLP for services rendered in 2006 and 2005 totaled \$3,605,000 and \$3,409,000 respectively, and consisted of the following:

	2006	2005
Audit fees	\$ 3,472,000	\$ 3,246,000
Audit-related fees	50,000	41,000
Tax fees	76,000	113,000
All other fees	7,000	9,000
Total	\$ 3,605,000	\$ 3,409,000

Audit fees includes amounts for statutory audits and attestation services related to our internal control over financial reporting for compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

The amounts shown for Audit-related fees include fees for audits of employee benefit plans.

The amounts shown for Tax fees relate to federal and state tax advice, acquisition tax planning, assistance with international tax compliance and international tax consulting.

The amounts shown for All other fees primarily relate to online accounting research subscriptions.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of eligible shares present at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, and voting on the matter is required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Your Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Ratification.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Unless we indicate otherwise, each Director has maintained the principal occupation described below for more than five years.

Class I: Nominees for election at this Annual Meeting for terms expiring in 2010:

CHARLES D. KLEIN A Managing Director of American Securities Capital Partners, LLC and an
Director since 1980 executive officer of several affiliated entities. Age 68.

STEVEN W. KOHLHAGEN Retired. A Managing Director of First Union National Bank, predecessor to the
Director since 2006 current Wachovia National Bank, from December 1992 to August 2002. A
Director of the IQ Investment Advisors family of Merrill Lynch funds. Age 59.

Class II: Directors whose terms continue until 2008:

SHELDON S. GORDON Chairman of Union Bancaire Privée International Holdings, Inc. and affiliated
Director since 1989 entities. A Director of the Holland Balanced Fund, Union Bancaire Privée and
Gulfmark Offshore, Inc. Age 71.

FRANK S. HERMANCE Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of AMETEK. A Director of
Director since 1999 IDEX Corporation. Age 58.

DAVID P. STEINMANN A Managing Director of American Securities, L.P. and an executive officer of
Director since 1993 several affiliated entities. Age 65.

Class III: Directors whose terms continue until 2009:

JAMES R. MALONE Founder and Managing Partner of Qorval LLC since June 2003. President and
Director since 1994 Chief Executive Officer (from June 2005 to September 2005) and Chairman (from
August 2005 to September 2005) of Cenveo, Inc. Chairman of the Board (from
December 1996 to January 2004) and Chief Executive Officer (from May 1997 to
January 2004) of HMI Industries, Inc. Founder and Managing Partner of Bridge
Associates LLC from June 2000 to May 2002. A Director of Regions Financial
Corporation. Age 64.

ELIZABETH R. VARET A Managing Director of American Securities, L.P. and chairman of the corporate
Director since 1987 general partner of several affiliated entities. Age 63.

DENNIS K. WILLIAMS Retired. President and Chief Executive Officer (from May 2000 to March 2005)
Director since 2006 and Chairman of the Board (from May 2000 to April 2006) of IDEX Corporation.
A Director of Washington Group International, Inc., Owens-Illinois, Inc. and
Actuant Corporation. Age 61.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Officers are appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Information about our executive officers is shown below:

Name	Age	Present Position with AMETEK
Frank S. Hermance	58	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
John J. Molinelli	60	Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer
Timothy N. Jones	50	President Electromechanical Group
Robert W. Chlebek	63	President Electronic Instruments
David A. Zapico	42	President Electronic Instruments

Robert R. Mandos, Jr. 48 Senior Vice President and Comptroller

Frank S. Hermance s employment history with us and the other Directorship that he currently holds are described under the section The Board of Directors on page __. Mr. Hermance has 16 years of service with us.

John J. Molinelli was elected Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer effective April 22, 1998. Mr. Molinelli has 38 years of service with us.

Timothy N. Jones was elected President Electromechanical Group effective February 1, 2006. Previously he served as Vice President and General Manager of our Process & Analytical Instruments Division from October 1999 to January 2006. Mr. Jones has 27 years of service with us.

Robert W. Chlebek was elected President Electronic Instruments effective March 1, 1997. Mr. Chlebek has 10 years of service with us.

David A. Zapico was elected President Electronic Instruments effective October 1, 2003. Previously he served as Vice President and General Manager of our Aerospace and Power Instruments Division from July 1999 to October 2003. Mr. Zapico has 17 years of service with us.

Robert R. Mandos, Jr. was elected Senior Vice President effective October 1, 2004. Previously he served as Vice President from April 1998 until September 2004. He has served as our Comptroller since April 1996. Mr. Mandos has 25 years of service with us.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION
COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Introduction

In this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, we address the compensation paid or awarded to our executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table that immediately follows this discussion. We refer to these executive officers as our named executive officers.

2006 Compensation

Compensation Objectives

The compensation paid or awarded to our named executive officers for 2006 was designed to meet the following objectives:

Provide compensation that is competitive with compensation for executive officers providing comparable services, taking into account the size of our company or operating group, as applicable. We refer to this objective as competitive compensation.

Create a compensation structure under which a meaningful portion of total compensation is based on achievement of performance goals. We refer to this objective as performance incentives.

Encourage the aggregation and maintenance of meaningful equity ownership, and alignment of executive and stockholder interests. We refer to this objective as stakeholder incentives.

Provide an incentive for long-term continued employment with us. We refer to this objective as retention incentives.

We fashioned various components of our 2006 compensation payments and awards to meet these objectives as follows:

Type of Compensation	Objectives Addressed
Salary	Competitive Compensation
Short-Term Incentive Awards,	Competitive Compensation,
Restricted Stock Awards and	Performance Incentives,
Stock Option Grants	Stakeholder Incentives and Retention Incentives

Determination of Competitive Compensation

In assessing competitive compensation, we relied on data provided to us by our independent compensation consultant, Towers Perrin. Our executive compensation levels are designed to be generally aligned with the 50th percentile of competitive market levels.

We used the following process to determine the competitive level for each named executive officer in 2006:

We provided to the compensation consultant a detailed description of the responsibilities for each named executive officer.

The compensation consultant employed its standard methodology to develop competitive compensation levels for seasoned executives having similar responsibilities. The competitive compensation information was based on general industry data derived principally from the compensation consultant's executive compensation database. The data was size adjusted to reflect the estimated 2005 revenues of our company and the relevant operating groups.

In considering the data provided by the compensation consultant, we concurred with the compensation consultant's view that compensation is competitive if it is within a range of 15 percent above or 15 percent below compensation amounts at the 50th percentile for comparable executives. We believe that variations within this range typically occur due to differences in experience, as well as variations in responsibilities, performance and ability.

Salaries

The salary amounts set forth in the Summary Compensation Table reflect salary decisions made by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors in 2005 and 2006. Salary adjustments for Messrs. Hermance, Chlebek and Jones were effective on January 1, so that salary determinations made in 2005 and 2006 affected their salaries for all of 2006 and 2007, respectively. Salary adjustments for Messrs. Molinelli and Zapico were effective on July 1, so that Compensation Committee determinations in 2005 and 2006 affected their salaries for the annual periods beginning on July 1, 2005 and July 1, 2006, respectively.

As a result of the salary adjustments approved in 2006, all named executive officers' salaries were within the competitive compensation guideline range of 15 percent above or below salaries for comparable executives at the 50th percentile. The process utilized in 2005 to establish salaries for the named executive officers was similar to the process used in 2006, but was based on earlier data prepared by the compensation consultant.

Short-Term Incentive Program

The principal objective of our short-term incentive program is to provide a performance incentive. We set performance targets such that total cash compensation will be within 15 percent above or below the total cash compensation at the 50th percentile for comparable executives. However, larger variations, both positive and negative, may result based on actual performance.

Under our short-term incentive program, we established targets for each selected performance measure. In some instances, the performance measures differed among the named executive officers. These differences reflect the differing responsibilities of the executives.

The awards criteria utilized in 2006 were the following:

Diluted earnings per share (EPS) We believe that the paramount objective of a principal executive officer is to increase stockholder return significantly, and that for a large, well established industrial corporation, EPS is typically a key metric affecting share price. Therefore, we believe EPS is an excellent measure of our executive officers' performance.

Internal sales growth This measure is applied either on a company-wide basis, or, for our group presidents, with respect to their respective operating groups. Internal sales growth is based on 2006 revenues, and reflects adjustments deemed appropriate by the Compensation Committee. We utilize the measure because we believe that we achieve a greater economic return from internal growth than through acquisitions.

Group operating income This measure applies to our group presidents with regard to their respective operating groups, and reflects adjustments deemed appropriate by the Compensation Committee. We believe this measure is a reliable indicator of operating group performance.

Group operating working capital This measure represents inventory plus accounts receivable less accounts payable. We use this measure to encourage increased efficiency by our group presidents in the utilization of operating working capital.

Discretionary A small portion of each executive's award is based on discretionary factors that are deemed appropriate by the Compensation Committee. In the case of the group presidents, these factors are tied to acquisition activity of their respective operating groups.

The weighting of performance measures for each named executive officer is set forth in the table below. In most cases, the payment increases from 0 percent to 200 percent of the target award in proportion to the increase in achievement of the goal from 80 percent to 120 percent. With respect to group internal growth, the minimum and maximum payouts are based on achievement of 97 percent and 103 percent of the goal, respectively. With respect to group operating working capital, the minimum and maximum payouts are based on achievement of 90 percent and 110 percent of the goal, respectively. The discretionary portions of the award opportunities are not subject to any specified formula.

At the time the several goals for payment of target awards to our executives were established, we believed that the goals were achievable. Nevertheless, at that time, we believed the achievement of the goals was substantially uncertain.

As a result of our actual outcomes with respect to the performance measures and the Committee's determinations with respect to the discretionary component, the award payments and the percentage of the aggregate target award represented by the award payments are as follows: Mr. Hermance, \$1,232,000 (156%); Mr. Molinelli, \$397,000 (180%); Mr. Chlebek, \$270,000 (138%); Mr. Zapico, \$343,000 (179%); and Mr. Jones, \$244,000 (154%). The actual payments reflect the following payout components, expressed as a percentage of the respective target award opportunity: EPS, 170 percent; internal growth, 200 percent; group operating income, 115-192 percent; group internal growth, 184-200 percent; group operating working capital, 14-154 percent; discretionary factors, 151-200 percent. In accordance with SEC regulations, the award payments are reflected in two separate columns of the Summary Compensation Table. The discretionary awards for the named executive officers appear in the "Bonus" column. The other awards are reflected in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column.

In providing a discretionary award to Mr. Hermance, the Compensation Committee considered our success with respect to our four growth strategies:

Operational Excellence Our operating income margins increased from 16.3 percent in 2005 to 17 percent in 2006.

Global and market expansion We increased international sales by 33 percent in 2006 as compared to 2005.

Strategic acquisitions We completed six acquisitions that added approximately \$150 million in annualized revenue.

New products We introduced a number of new products that contributed to our revenue and profitability. In addition, the Compensation Committee recognized Mr. Hermance's role in the upgrading of our leadership talent. In the case of Mr. Molinelli, the Compensation Committee considered the same factors as those considered for Mr. Hermance, as well as our generation of record cash flow from operations of \$226 million, a 45 percent increase from \$166 million in 2005. The group presidents' discretionary awards reflected the Committee's assessment of acquisition activities for their respective operating groups.

Equity-Based Compensation

All price per share information in this section has been adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split paid to stockholders on November 27, 2006.

Our equity-based compensation in 2006 included awards of stock options and restricted stock. We used the most recent data provided by our compensation consultant that was based on a Black-Scholes model. This data provided information as to the dollar amount of long-term incentive opportunities at the 50th percentile for comparable executives. This amount was subject to our adjustment based on differences in the scope of the named executive's responsibilities, performance and ability. Nevertheless, after these adjustments the long-term incentive opportunity for each named executive officer was within the competitive compensation guideline range of 15 percent above or below the long-term incentive opportunity at the 50th percentile for comparable executives.

The long-term incentive opportunity for each of the named executive officers in 2006, provided all vesting conditions are satisfied, is shown in the table below:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Long-Term Incentive Opportunity</i>
Frank S. Hermance	\$ 1,816,400
John J. Molinelli	401,500
Robert W. Chlebek	322,400
David A. Zapico	322,400
Timothy N. Jones	322,400

We applied 50 percent of the amount of the long-term incentive opportunity to stock options, and 50 percent to restricted stock. Our stock options were valued at \$7.17 per underlying share, based on a Black-Scholes methodology. As a result, we awarded options to the named executive officers for the respective numbers of shares set forth below in the Grants of Plan Based Awards table under the column heading, All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options. The dollar amount shown in the Summary Compensation Table generally reflects the dollar amount recognized for financial statement purposes in accordance with SFAS 123R. Therefore, it includes amounts with respect to only a portion of the options granted in 2006, while also including amounts from earlier option grants. See the footnotes to the Summary Compensation Table for further information.

Our options generally vest in equal annual increments on the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. We believe that these vesting terms provide to our executives a meaningful incentive for continued employment. For additional information regarding stock option terms, see the narrative accompanying the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table. We applied the remaining 50 percent of the long-term incentive opportunity to restricted shares. Because restricted share awards generally do not vest until the fourth anniversary of the grant date, we discounted the share value from \$27.36 to \$24.23, reflecting a forfeiture assumption of 3 percent per annum. The resulting number of restricted shares awarded to the respective named executive officers is set forth below in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table under the column heading, All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units. See the narrative accompanying the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table for additional information regarding vesting of restricted stock.

We believe that the vesting provisions of our restricted stock also serve as an incentive for continued employment. However, to encourage performance that ultimately enhances stockholder value, we provide for immediate vesting of a restricted stock award if the closing price of our Common Stock during any five consecutive trading days reaches 200 percent of the price of our Common Stock on the date of grant.

Stock-Based Award Grant Practices

In October 2006, we adopted practices for the grant of stock-based awards. Among other things, these practices encompass the following principles:

The majority of stock-based awards are approved annually by the Compensation Committee on a pre-scheduled date, which occurs in close proximity to the date of our Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The annual stock-based awards will not be made when the Compensation Committee is aware that executive officers or non-employee Directors are in possession of material, non-public information, or during quarterly or other specified blackout periods.

While stock-based awards other than annual awards may be granted to address, among other things, the recruiting or hiring of new employees and promotions, such awards will not be made to executive officers if the Committee is aware that the executive officers are in possession of material, non-public information, or during quarterly or other specified blackout periods.

The Compensation Committee has established that stock options are granted only on the date the Compensation Committee approves the grant and with an exercise price equal to the fair market value on the date of grant.

Backdating of stock options is prohibited.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

We seek to underscore stockholder incentives through our stock ownership guidelines. We believe that by encouraging our executives to maintain a meaningful equity interest in our company, we will enhance the link between our executives and our stockholders. Our stock ownership guidelines for our named executive officers are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Multiple of Base Salary Required To Be Held In AMETEK Stock</i>	<i>Is Ownership Requirement Met?</i>
Frank S. Hermance	5x	YES
John J. Molinelli	3x	YES
Robert W. Chlebek	3x	YES
David A. Zapico	3x	YES
Timothy N. Jones	3x	YES

Ongoing and Post-Employment Agreements

We have several plans and agreements addressing compensation for our named executive officers that accrue value as the executive continues to work for us, provide special benefits upon certain types of termination events and provide retirement benefits. These plans and agreements were adopted and, in some cases, amended at various times over the past 25 years, and were designed to be a part of a competitive compensation package. Not all plans apply to each named executive officer, and the participants are indicated in the discussion below.

The Employees Retirement Plan This plan is a tax-qualified defined benefit plan available to all U.S.-based salaried employees who commenced employment with us prior to January 1, 1997. The plan pays annual benefits based on final average plan compensation and years of credited service. The amount of compensation that can be taken into account is subject to limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code (\$220,000 in 2006), and the maximum annual benefits payable under the plan also are subject to Internal Revenue Code limits (\$175,000 in 2006). Messrs. Hermance, Molinelli, Zapico and Jones participate in The Employees Retirement Plan. See the Pension Benefits table and accompanying narrative for additional information.

The Retirement and Savings Plan This is a tax-qualified defined contribution plan under which our participating employees may contribute a percentage of specified compensation on a pretax basis. In the case of highly compensated employees, including the named executive officers, contributions of up to ten percent of eligible compensation can be made, subject to a limit mandated by the Internal Revenue Code, which was \$15,000 for 2006, or, if the participant was at least 50 years old, \$20,000. We provide a matching contribution equal to one-third of the first six percent of compensation contributed, subject to a maximum of \$1,500. A participant may invest the participant's contributions and matching contributions in one or more of a number of investment alternatives, including our Common Stock, and the value of a participant's account will be determined by the investment performance of the participant's account. No more than 25 percent of a participant's contributions can be invested in our Common Stock. All of the named executive officers participate in The Retirement and Savings Plan. Our matching contributions are included in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table.

Retirement Feature of The Retirement and Savings Plan The Retirement Feature is available to participants in The Retirement and Savings Plan who meet specified criteria, including ineligibility to participate in any of our defined benefit plans. Mr. Chlebek participates in the Retirement Feature. We make retirement contributions based on the total of a participant's age plus years of service. For Mr. Chlebek, we contributed an amount equal to five percent of his compensation subject to Social Security taxes and seven percent of his additional compensation. We also make an employer incentive retirement contribution equal to one percent of a participant's eligible compensation if the participant is contributing at least six percent of his or her compensation under the Retirement and Savings Plan. See the notes to the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table for further information regarding our contributions to the Retirement Feature for the account of Mr. Chlebek.

Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) This plan is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan that provides benefits for executives to the extent that their compensation cannot be taken into account under our tax qualified plans because the compensation exceeds limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. We refer to the compensation that exceeds these limits as excess compensation. For 2006, compensation in excess of \$220,000 constitutes excess compensation. Under the SERP, each year we credit to the account of a participant an amount equal to 13% of the executive's excess compensation, which is then deemed to be invested in our Common Stock. Payout of an executive's account, which is subject to tax liability, occurs upon termination of the executive's employment and is made in shares of our Common Stock. Therefore, the ultimate value of the shares paid out under the SERP will depend on the performance of our Common Stock during the period an executive participates in the SERP. All of the named executive officers participate in the SERP. See the Deferred Compensation table and accompanying narrative for additional information.

Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan provides an opportunity for executives to defer payment of their short-term incentive bonus to the extent that such bonus, together with other relevant compensation, constitutes excess compensation. In advance of the year in which the short-term incentive bonus will be paid, an executive may elect to defer all or part of his eligible incentive bonus into a notional investment in our Common Stock, in an interest-bearing account or in both. A participant generally may elect to have the value of his or her account distributed following retirement, either in a lump sum or in up to five annual installments, or in the form of an in-service distribution, payable either in a lump sum or in up to four annual installments commencing on a date specified by the participant in his or her distribution election. Payments may commence sooner upon the participant's earlier separation from service, upon death of the participant, in the event of an unforeseeable financial emergency or upon a change in control. Payments from the notional Common Stock fund are made in shares of our Common Stock, while payments from the interest-bearing account are paid in cash. Messrs. Hermance, Molinelli and Chlebek participate in the Deferred Compensation Plan. See the Deferred Compensation table and accompanying narrative for additional information.

Supplemental Senior Executive Death Benefit Program. Under this program, Messrs. Hermance and Molinelli have entered into agreements that require us to pay death benefits to their designated beneficiaries and to pay benefits to them under certain circumstances during their lifetimes. If a covered executive dies before retirement or before age 65 while on disability retirement, the executive's beneficiary will receive monthly payments of up to \$5,833 from the date of the executive's death until the date he or she would have attained age 80. If a covered executive retires, or reaches age 65 while on disability retirement, the Program provides for a maximum benefit of \$100,000 per year for a period of 10 years. We have purchased insurance policies on the lives of Messrs. Hermance and Molinelli to fund our obligations under the program. See the Pension Benefits table and accompanying narrative for additional information.

2004 Executive Death Benefit Plan This plan, which replaced our split dollar life insurance program, provides for retirement benefits or, if the executive dies before retirement, a death benefit. Generally, if the executive dies before retirement, the executive's beneficiary will receive a monthly payment of \$4,167 until the participant would have reached age 80. If the executive retires (either at age 65 or after attaining age 55 with at least five years of service) the executive will be entitled to receive a distribution based on the value of his account in the plan, which is determined by gains or losses on, and death benefits received under, a pool of insurance policies that we own covering the lives of participants. Messrs. Chlebek, Jones and Zapico participate in this plan. See the Deferred Compensation table and accompanying narrative for further information.

Change of Control Agreements We have change of control agreements with respect to each of our executive officers, which are described under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control. Our agreement with each executive other than Mr. Hermance provides for payments and other benefits to the executive if we terminate the executive's employment without cause or if the executive terminates employment for good reason within two years following a change of control. Mr. Hermance's change of control agreement differs from the other named executive officers with respect to the amount of the payment and scope of benefits upon the change of control events and does not have the two year limit applicable to the other executives following the change in control. We also have agreed to provide payments and other benefits to Mr. Hermance if, outside of the context of a change of control, we terminate his employment without cause or he terminates employment for good reason. In addition, Mr. Hermance's agreement differs from the other agreements with respect to payments that exceed the limitations under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code. The other executives' agreements limit the payments made upon a change of control to the maximum amount that may be paid without an excise tax and loss of corporate tax deduction under Sections 4999 and 280G of the Internal Revenue Code. Mr. Hermance's agreement does not contain this limitation and instead provides that if the total payments to Mr. Hermance under the terms of the agreement are subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code, we will make an additional payment to Mr. Hermance. This payment is designed so that, after payment of all excise taxes and any other taxes payable in respect of the additional payment, Mr. Hermance will retain the same amount as if no excise tax had been imposed. See Tax Considerations below for further information regarding the excise tax reimbursement.

Tax Considerations

Under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, a publicly-held corporation may not deduct more than \$1 million in a taxable year for certain forms of compensation made to the chief executive officer and other officers listed on the Summary Compensation Table. Our policy is generally to preserve the federal income tax deductibility of compensation paid to our executives, and certain of our equity awards have been structured to preserve deductibility under Section 162(m). Nevertheless, we retain the flexibility to authorize compensation that may not be deductible if we believe it is in the best interests of our company. While we believe that all compensation paid to our executives in 2006 was deductible, it is possible that some portion of compensation paid in future years will be non-deductible, particularly in those years in which restricted stock awards vest.

As noted above, under Mr. Hermance's change of control agreement, our payments to Mr. Hermance will not be subject to limitations under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, and therefore a portion of the payments will

not be deductible. In addition, we will make an additional payment to Mr. Hermance if payments to Mr. Hermance resulting from a change of control are subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code. We included this provision in Mr. Hermance's change of control agreement to address the grant of 525,000 shares of restricted Common Stock made to Mr. Hermance on April 27, 2005 (adjusted to give effect to the 3-for-2 stock split paid to stockholders on November 27, 2006), as disclosed in our proxy statement for last year's annual meeting of stockholders. In the event of a change of control, the restricted stock will immediately vest, and, largely as a result, the payment of the excise tax required under Section 4999 may be required. The restricted stock award was made, among other things, to motivate Mr. Hermance to further increase shareholder value while remaining employed by us. We believe that these incentives would be compromised by the possible imposition of the Section 280G limit requirement or need for Mr. Hermance to pay the excise tax. Moreover, we did not wish to have the provisions of Mr. Hermance's agreement serve as a disincentive to his pursuit of a change of control that otherwise might be in the best interests of our company and its stockholders. Accordingly, we determined to provide a payment to reimburse Mr. Hermance for any excise taxes payable in connection with the change-in-control payment, as well as any taxes that accrue as a result of our reimbursement. We believe that, in light of Mr. Hermance's outstanding record in enhancing value for our stockholders, this determination is appropriate.

Role of Executive Officers in Determining Executive Compensation For Named Executive Officers

In connection with 2006 compensation, Mr. Hermance, aided by our human resources department, provided statistical data and recommendations to the Compensation Committee to assist it in determining compensation levels. Mr. Hermance did not make recommendations as to his own compensation. While the Compensation Committee utilized this information, and valued Mr. Hermance's observations with regard to other executive officers, the ultimate decisions regarding executive compensation were made by the Compensation Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Securities and Exchange Commission regulations. Based on its review and discussions, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

The Compensation Committee:

Charles D. Klein, Chairperson

James R. Malone

Elizabeth R. Varet

Dated: March 16, 2007

COMPENSATION TABLES
SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE 2006

The following table provides information regarding the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other three most highly compensated executive officers for 2006.

<i>Name and Principal Position</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Bonus</i>	<i>Stock Awards (1)</i>	<i>Option Awards (2)</i>	<i>Plan Compensation (3)</i>	<i>Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Deferred Incentive</i>	<i>Compensation Earnings (4)</i>	<i>All Other Compensation (5)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Frank S. Hermance Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2006	\$ 700,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 3,119,931	\$ 1,291,890	\$ 952,000	\$ 501,331	\$ 383,942	\$ 7,229,094	
John J. Molinelli Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer	2006	330,000	89,000	237,695	330,469	308,000	262,197	87,815	1,645,176	
Robert W. Chlebek President Electronic Instruments	2006	300,000	19,600	189,323	276,087	250,400	216,663	69,833	1,321,906	
David A. Zapico President Electronic Instruments	2006	285,000	19,700	186,411	201,292	323,300	53,512	71,183	1,140,398	
Timothy N. Jones President Electromechanical Group	2006	247,527	21,400	118,078	141,703	222,600	54,890	44,954	851,152	

(1) The amounts shown for stock awards relate to restricted shares granted under our 1999 and 2002 Stock Incentive Plans.

These amounts are equal to the dollar amounts recognized in 2006 with respect to the stock awards for financial statement purposes, computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R), but without giving effect to estimated forfeitures. The assumptions used in determining the amounts in this column are set forth in note 9 to our consolidated financial statements on page ___ of Appendix B to this proxy statement. For information regarding the number of shares subject to 2006 awards, other features of the awards and the grant date fair value of the awards, see the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table on p. _.

- (2) The amounts shown for option awards relate to shares granted under

our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. These amounts are equal to the dollar amounts recognized in 2006 with respect to the option awards for financial statement purposes, computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R), but without giving effect to estimated forfeitures. The assumptions used in determining the amounts in this column are set forth in note 9 to our consolidated financial statements on page ___ of Appendix B to this proxy statement. For information regarding the number of shares subject to 2006 awards, other features of those awards, and the grant date fair value of the awards, see the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table on p. _.

- (3) Represents payments under our short-term

incentive
program based
on achievement
of
company-wide
or operating
group
performance
measures. See
Compensation
Discussion and
Analysis Short
Term Incentive
Program.

- (4) Includes the aggregate change in actuarial present value of the accumulated benefit under defined benefit plans as follows:
- Mr. Hermance, \$64,000;
Mr. Molinelli, \$103,900;
Mr. Zapico, \$9,700;
Mr. Jones, \$22,000. Also includes earnings on nonqualified deferred compensation plans, including our Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, required to be disclosed under SEC regulations, as follows:
- Mr. Hermance, \$437,331;
Mr. Molinelli, \$158,297;
Mr. Chlebek, \$216,663;
Mr. Zapico, \$43,812;
Mr. Jones, \$32,890.
- (5) Included in All Other Compensation are the following items

that exceeded
\$10,000:

our contributions under our defined contribution plans, including our Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, as follows: Mr. Hermance, \$223,760; Mr. Molinelli, \$67,110; Mr. Chlebek, \$53,196; Mr. Zapico, \$54,240; Mr. Jones, \$36,498.

dividends on restricted stock, which totaled \$132,421 for Mr. Hermance, and are subject to forfeiture if the related restricted stock does not vest.

perquisites, which totaled \$26,679 for Mr. Hermance; \$10,907 for Mr. Molinelli; and \$10,055 for Mr. Zapico. Perquisites included automobile allowances for all of the named executive officers, golf and country club dues for Mr. Hermance, and tax return services for Mr. Hermance.

GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS 2006

The following table provides details regarding plan-based awards granted to the named executive officers in 2006, adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split paid to stockholders on November 27, 2006.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Grant Date (1)</i>	<i>Approval Date (1)</i>	<i>Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(2)</i>		<i>All Other Stock Awards: Number of</i>	<i>All Other Option Awards: Number of</i>	<i>Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (5)</i>	
			<i>Threshold</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Shares of Stock or Units (3)</i>	<i>Securities Underlying Options (4)</i>		
Frank S. Hermance	4/26/06 4/25/06	4/25/06 4/25/06		\$ 560,000	\$ 1,120,000	37,500	126,615	\$ 2,454,363 N/A
John J. Molinelli	4/26/06 4/25/06	4/25/06 4/25/06		176,800	353,600	8,295	27,990	542,740 N/A
Robert W. Chlebek	4/26/06 4/25/06	4/25/06 4/25/06		181,935	364,000	6,660	22,485	435,877 N/A
David A. Zapico	4/26/06 4/25/06	4/25/06 4/25/06		178,968	357,933	6,660	22,485	435,877 N/A
Timothy N. Jones	4/26/06 4/25/06	4/25/06 4/25/06		147,234	294,467	6,660	22,485	435,877 N/A

(1) The Compensation Committee approved the annual awards of stock options and restricted stock to the named executive officers on April 25, 2006. The grant date for the awards to the named executive officers was designated by the Committee as April 26, 2006 to

correspond with the grant date for the non-employee Directors, whose awards were granted and approved on April 26, 2006.

- (2) These awards were made under our Short-Term Incentive Program. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis 2006 Compensation Short-Term Incentive Program for information regarding the criteria applied in determining the amounts payable under the awards. There were no threshold amounts payable under the Plan. The actual amounts paid with respect to these awards are included in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column in the Summary Compensation Table on p. _.
- (3) The Stock Awards constitute

restricted shares granted under our 1999 and 2002 Stock Incentive Plans. These shares become vested on the earliest to occur of (a) the closing price of our Common Stock on any five consecutive days equaling or exceeding \$66.14 per share, (b) death or permanent disability of the grantee, (c) termination of the grantee's employment with us in connection with a change of control, (d) the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, namely April 26, 2010, provided the grantee has been employed by us continuously through that date, or (e) the grantee's retirement from employment with us at or after age 55 and the completion of at least ten years of employment with us, in which case only a pro rata portion of the

shares shall become nonforfeitable and transferable based upon the time that has elapsed since the date of grant. Cash dividends are earned on the restricted shares but are not paid until the restricted shares vest.

- (4) The Option Awards constitute stock options granted under our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. Stock options become exercisable as to 25% of the underlying shares on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. Options generally become fully exercisable in the event of the grantee's death, normal retirement or termination of employment in connection with a change of control.
- (5) The grant date fair value is computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R).

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END 2006

The following table provides details regarding outstanding equity awards for the named executive officers at December 31, 2006, adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split paid to stockholders on November 27, 2006.

		<i>Option Awards</i>	<i>Stock Awards</i>	
<i>Number of Securities Underlying</i>	<i>Number of Securities Underlying</i>		<i>Number of Shares or</i>	<i>Market Value of Shares or</i>