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GRAINGER'S SHAREHOLDERS ELECT 11 DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CHICAGO, April 24, 2013 – At the Grainger (NYSE: GWW) annual shareholder meeting held in Lake Forest, Illinois, today, Grainger Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Ryan provided an update on the state of the business and offered a recap of 2012 full year and 2013 first quarter performance. A copy of his speech is available at www.grainger.com/investor.

Shareholders re-elected the following 11 directors:

Brian P. Anderson
V. Ann Hailey
William K. Hall
Stuart L. Levenick
John W. McCarter, Jr.
Neil S. Novich

Michael J. Roberts
Gary L. Rogers
James T. Ryan
E. Scott Santi
James D. Slavik

In addition, the shareholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for the year 2013. Relative to Say on Pay, shareholders voted in favor of the advisory resolution on executive compensation.

About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc. with 2012 sales of \$9 billion is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products](#), with expanding global operations. For more information about the company, visit www.grainger.com/investor.

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