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**TEN DIRECTORS SLATED FOR GRAINGER'S BOARD TO BE VOTED ON AT THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 26, 2017**

CHICAGO, February 21, 2017 – The Board of Directors of W.W. Grainger, Inc. (NYSE: GWW) has selected a slate of nominees to serve for the 2017-2018 period. The ten candidates, all current board members, to be voted on at the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders are:

Rodney C. Adkins  
Brian P. Anderson  
V. Ann Hailey  
Stuart L. Levenick  
D.G. Macpherson  
Neil S. Novich  
Michael J. Roberts  
James T. Ryan  
E. Scott Santi  
James D. Slavik

Gary L. Rogers will not stand for re-election in accordance with the Company's Criteria for Membership on the Board of Directors, which provide that an outside director generally will not be nominated after the age of 72. Mr. Rogers has been a Board member of Grainger since 2004 and served as a member of the Audit, Board Affairs and Nominating, and Compensation Committees of the Board.

Grainger Chairman Jim Ryan said: "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Gary Rogers for his strategic insight, innovative thinking and invaluable contributions to Grainger for over 12 years."

About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2016 sales of \$10.1 billion, is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products](#) (MRO), with operations also in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

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