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GRAINGER REPORTS FEBRUARY 2013 SALES RESULTS

CHICAGO, March 12, 2013 – Grainger (NYSE: GWW) today reported sales results for the month of February 2013. Daily sales increased 6 percent versus February 2012, and included 4 percentage points from volume, 2 percentage points from price and 1 percentage point from acquisitions, partially offset by a 1 percentage point decline from foreign exchange. The month of February 2013 had 20 selling days versus 21 selling days in February 2012. The 2013 first quarter will have 63 selling days, one less than the 64 selling days in the 2012 first quarter.

February Daily Sales by Segment

2013 v. 2012

United States	+7%
Canada +8% in local currency	+6%
Other Businesses (Primarily Asia, Europe and Latin America) +13% in local currencies	+7%

Please visit www.grainger.com/investor to access a recorded message with additional details about February 2013 sales. Grainger is scheduled to report first quarter 2013 results on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. EDT.

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.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements under the federal securities law. Forward-looking statements relate to the company's expected future financial results and business plans, strategies and objectives and are not historical facts. They are generally identified by qualifiers such as "forecasting" or similar expressions. There are risks and uncertainties, the outcome of which could cause the company's results to differ materially from what is projected. The forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with the company's most recent annual report, as well as the company's Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and other reports filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission, containing a discussion of the company's business and various factors that may affect it.

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