Koppers Holdings Inc. Form DEF 14A April 01, 2019 Table of Contents

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to § 240.14a-12

Koppers Holdings Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

Payment	of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):
No f	fee required.
Fee	computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.
(1)	Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:
(2)	Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:
(3)	Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):
(4)	Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:
(5)	Total fee paid:
	paid previously with preliminary materials.
whic	ck box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing fo ch the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the nor Schedule and the date of its filing.
(1)	Amount Previously Paid:

Table of Contents 2

(2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:

(3) Filing Party:

(4) Date Filed:

April 1, 2019

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Koppers Holdings Inc. (Koppers). The meeting will be held at the Duquesne Club, 325 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 on Thursday, May 2, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect eight directors, to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation and to ratify the audit committee s appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2019.

This booklet includes the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement. The proxy statement describes the business we will conduct at the meeting and provides information about

Koppers that you should consider when you vote your shares. Also enclosed is our Annual Report, which includes our consolidated financial statements for 2018.

Your vote is important regardless of how many shares you own and I urge you to vote your shares. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please sign, date and return the proxy card in the enclosed envelope to make sure that your shares are voted at the meeting. Voting your shares by proxy does not limit your right to be present at the meeting and vote your shares in person.

I appreciate your continued confidence in Koppers and look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Leroy M. Ball, Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

OF SHAREHOLDERS

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Place: Duquesne Club

325 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Proposals:

- 1. To elect eight members of our board of directors.
- 2. To approve an advisory resolution on our executive compensation.
- 3. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2019. We will also transact any other business that is properly raised at the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

Record Date:

You can vote if you were a shareholder of record on March 18, 2019.

If the annual meeting is adjourned because of the absence of a quorum, those shareholders entitled to vote who attend the adjourned annual meeting, although constituting less than a quorum as provided herein, shall nevertheless constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing directors. If the annual meeting is adjourned for one or more periods aggregating at least fifteen (15) days because of the absence of a quorum, those shareholders entitled to vote who attend the reconvened annual meeting, if less than a quorum as determined under applicable law, shall nevertheless constitute a quorum for the purpose of acting upon any matter set forth in this Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Steven R. Lacy

Chief Administrative Officer,

General Counsel and Secretary

April 1, 2019

Your Vote Is Important

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please complete, date, sign and return the accompanying proxy card promptly so that we can be assured of having a quorum present at the meeting and so that your shares may be voted in accordance with your wishes.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy

Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to Be Held on May 2, 2019

A complete copy of this proxy statement and our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2018 are also available at www.proxydocs.com/KOP.

2019 PROXY SUMMARY

2019 Proxy Summary

This 2019 Proxy Summary highlights certain information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before voting, and we strongly encourage you to carefully read the entire proxy statement before voting.

General Information About This Annual Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time Location: Duquesne Club, 325 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Record Date: March 18, 2019

Voting: Shareholders as of the record date have one vote for each share held on the record date for each

proposal.

Who can vote (page 47)

You are entitled to vote if you owned shares of our common stock at the close of business on the record date, March 18, 2019. This proxy statement and the related proxy materials were first mailed to shareholders and made available on the internet on or about April 1, 2019.

How to cast your vote (page 47)

You may vote your shares by proxy or in person at the annual meeting. If you are a shareholder of record, to vote your shares by proxy, you must complete, sign and date the proxy card and return it in the postage prepaid envelope. If you are a beneficial owner, you must complete, sign and date the voting instructions included in the package from your broker, bank or other record holder and return those instructions to the broker, bank or other holder of record.

Proposals to be Considered and Board Recommendations

Board Voting

Proposal	Recommendation	Page Reference
Elect eight members of the board of directors	FOR each director nominee	1
Approve an advisory resolution on our executive compensation	FOR	45
	FOR	46

Ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2019

Board Nominees

Director

Name	Age	Since	Independent	Committee Memberships
Leroy M. Ball, Jr.	50	2015	No	SHE
Sharon Feng, Ph.D.	60	2009	Yes	NCG; SHE (Chair)
Traci L. Jensen	52	2018	Yes	AC; MDC; SHE; SRC
David L. Motley	60	2018	Yes	AC; NCG; SRC
Albert J. Neupaver	68	2009	Yes	AC; MDC; SRC (Chair)
Louis L. Testoni	69	2013	Yes	AC (Chair); NCG; SRC
Stephen R. Tritch	69	2009	Yes	AC; MDC (Chair); NCG; SRC
Sonja M. Wilkerson	58	2018	Yes	MDC; NCG; SHE

AC Audit Committee

MDC Management Development and Compensation Committee

NCG Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

SHE Safety, Health and Environmental Committee

SRC Strategy and Risk Committee

2018 Performance Highlights¹:

We achieved record high sales of \$1.7 billion, which represented year-over-year sales growth of approximately 16%. Excluding acquisitions, year-over-year sales increased approximately 5%.

Net income attributable to Koppers for 2018 was \$23.4 million compared with net income of \$29.1 million in the prior year. As adjusted, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) was \$221.6 million, which represented year-over-year growth of approximately 10.6% and a fourth consecutive year of improved adjusted EBITDA.

¹ On pages iv-v, 16 and 18-21, we refer to our 2018 adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin and adjusted EPS results. Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin and adjusted EPS are non-GAAP measures, which provide information useful to investors in understanding the underlying operational performance of our company, its business and performance trends, and facilitates comparisons between periods. The exclusion of certain items permits evaluation and a comparison of results for ongoing business operations, and it is on this basis that our management internally assesses the company s performance. In addition, our board of directors and executive management team use adjusted EBITDA as a performance measure under the company s annual incentive plan. The adjustments to EBITDA, EBITDA margin and EPS, as well as reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, are set forth in Annex A of this proxy statement. These reconciliations also reflect how adjusted EBITDA is calculated for purposes of compensation.

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement iv

2019 PROXY SUMMARY

Adjusted EBITDA margin for 2018 was 13%, which is the second consecutive year that our adjusted EBITDA margin was greater than or equal to 13%.

We achieved earnings per share (EPS) of \$1.10 for fiscal year 2018 compared with \$1.32 in the prior year. As adjusted, EPS was \$3.50 compared with \$3.68 in the prior year.

In April 2018, we re-entered the North American utility pole market with the acquisition of Cox Industries, Inc., which has been renamed Koppers Utility and Industrial Products Inc.

In February 2018, Koppers Inc. acquired M.A. Energy Resources, LLC, a business related to the recovery of used crossties, which has been renamed Koppers Recovery Resources LLC.

We completed construction and commissioning of our new naphthalene unit at our Stickney, Illinois facility in the third quarter of 2018.

Executive Compensation Highlights:

In awarding compensation to each of our named executive officers (NEOs) in 2018 our management development and compensation committee considered the company s overall performance for the year and performance for the business units managed by the NEO, as applicable. The table below reflects, for each NEO, the total direct compensation awarded in 2018.

			Long-	Term Incent	ive	
	Base A	nnual Cash		Stock		Total Direct
NEO	Salary	Incentive	PSUs	Options	RSUs C	ompensation
Leroy M. Ball, Jr.	\$833,338	\$725,350	\$1,269,319	\$672,361	\$448,240	\$3,948,608
Michael J. Zugay	\$388,243	\$202,760	\$ 268,772	\$142,376	\$ 94,890	\$1,097,041
James A. Sullivan	\$388,642	\$219,143	\$ 339,782	\$179,997	\$119,974	\$1,247,538
Steven R. Lacy	\$433,438	\$226,363	\$ 300,060	\$158,955	\$105,955	\$1,224,771
Thomas D. Loadman	\$380,471	\$209,650	\$	\$233,216	\$233,210	\$1,056,547

Our Summary Compensation Table can be found on page 27. In accordance with SEC regulations, the Summary Compensation Table also reports amounts for Changes in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation and All Other Compensation.

Key Pay-for-Performance Features of Our Executive Compensation Program:

Total compensation consists primarily of base salary, an annual cash incentive and long-term equity incentives.

Our NEOs received annual incentive awards ranging from 89% to 103% of their targets, in certain cases after taking into account adjusted EBITDA performance at the business units they run.

Long-term incentives comprise a significant portion of the executives—total compensation package, with approximately 50% of such awards consisting of performance-based restricted stock units (PSUs) with a three-year performance measurement period.

PSUs do not vest unless a threshold level of performance is surpassed.

Executives receive only limited perquisites, all of which are for business-related purposes. **Corporate Governance Highlights:**

Majority Voting and Director Resignation Policy	Our board is subject to a majority voting requirement; any director not receiving a majority of votes cast (excluding abstentions) in an uncontested election must tender his or her resignation to the board.
Term Limits for Directors	All directors, other than our CEO, who are first elected to the board of directors after August 2, 2017, will have a term limit of 15 years, unless the board approves an exception to this limit, which the board has the authority to do on a case-by-case basis.
Age Limits for Directors	A director is not eligible to stand for re-election if he or she has reached 74 before the date of election, unless the board approves an exception to this limit, which the board has authority to do on a case-by-case basis. In accordance with this limit, Cynthia A. Baldwin and T. Michael Young will not stand for re-election to the board.

Declassified Board Structure Annual Board and Committee Self-Evaluations	Our entire board is re-elected every year; we have no staggered elections. Our board and committees engage in thorough self-evaluations on an annual basis.
No Poison Pill Independent Board	The company currently does not have a poison pill in place. Our board is comprised of all independent directors, other than Mr. Ball, and our independent directors regularly meet in executive sessions.
Stock Ownership Guidelines for Directors and Stock Ownership Requirements for Executive Officers	We have adopted stock ownership guidelines for directors and stock ownership requirements for executives that encourage a long-term perspective and ensure that the interests of directors and executives are closely aligned with shareholders. All directors and executive officers are in compliance with these stock ownership guidelines and requirements, respectively.
Corporate Governance Guidelines	We have adopted corporate governance guidelines to ensure we are fully compliant with the law and engaging in corporate governance best practices. These guidelines are reviewed at least annually.
Strong Board Attendance	In 2018, we had cumulative director attendance of 99% at board and committee meetings.

v KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PROXY STATEMENT

PROXY SUMMARY	iv
General Information About This Annual Meeting	iv
Who Can Vote	iv
How to Cast Your Vote	iv
Proposals to be Considered and Board Recommendations	iv
Board Nominees	iv
2018 Performance Highlights	iv
Executive Compensation Highlights	V
Corporate Governance Highlights	V
PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS	1
<u>General</u>	1
Vote Required	1
Director Qualifications	2
Board Recommendation	2
Biographical Summaries of Nominees	2
Board Meetings and Committees	4
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS	9
Corporate Governance Guidelines	9
Director Independence	9
Board Leadership Structure	10
Executive Sessions	10
Risk Oversight	11
Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics	11
Communications with the Board	11
Nomination Procedures	12
Committee Reports to Shareholders	13
Audit Committee Report	13
Management Development and Compensation Committee Report	13
COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP	14
Director, Director Nominee and Executive Officer Stock Ownership	14
Beneficial Owners of More Than Five Percent	15
EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION	16
Compensation Discussion and Analysis	16
Summary Compensation Table	27
2018 Grants of Plan Based Awards Table	29
2010 CIMILO II IMII D'ADOG II II MI MO I MOIO	2)

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End 2018	30
2018 Option Exercises and Stock Vested	33
2018 Pension Benefits	33
2018 Non-qualified Deferred Compensation	35
Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control	35
Director Compensation	39
Stock Ownership Guidelines for Our Non-Employee Directors	41
2018 Pay Ratio Disclosure	41

Table of Contents	
TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS	43
AUDITORS	44
PROXY ITEM 2 PROPOSAL TO APPROVE AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	45
PROXY ITEM 3 PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019	46
GENERAL MATTERS	47
Annual Meeting Q&A	47
Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance	49
Shareholder Proposals for the Next Annual Meeting	49
ANNEX A UNAUDITED RECONCILIATIONS OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES	A-1

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

General

We are asking shareholders to elect the eight nominees named in this proxy statement to serve on the board of directors of Koppers Holdings Inc. (the company, Koppers, we or us) until the 2020 Annual Meeting of sharehold or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

On September 10, 2018, we increased the size of our board of directors from eight to 11 directors and elected Traci L. Jensen, David L. Motley and Sonja M. Wilkerson as directors of the company. On October 11, 2018, David M. Hillenbrand, Ph.D., notified us of his resignation as Chairman of our board of directors, effective immediately due to personal and health reasons and not as a result of any disagreement with the company. In connection with Dr. Hillenbrand s resignation as a director, the size of our board of directors was reduced from 11 to 10 directors. Our board of directors also elected Mr. Stephen R. Tritch, who has served as an independent director since 2009, as Chairman of the board, effective as of October 14, 2018.

Current directors Cynthia A. Baldwin and T. Michael Young will not stand for re-election to the board. Under the retirement age criteria of our corporate governance guidelines, Justice Baldwin and Mr. Young are ineligible for re-election at this annual meeting, and they will retire from the board of directors as of the annual meeting date. Following the annual meeting, the size of the board will be reduced to eight members.

Each nominee currently serves on our board of directors, has been nominated for election by our nominating and corporate governance committee and approved by our board. The board has nominated Leroy M. Ball, Jr., Sharon Feng, Traci L. Jensen, David L. Motley, Albert J. Neupaver, Louis L. Testoni, Stephen R. Tritch and Sonja M. Wilkerson for election.

Each nominee who is elected as a director will hold office for the length of their term or until the director s death, resignation, incapacity or until the director s successor shall be elected and shall qualify. Vacancies on the board of directors, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors, will be filled by a majority vote of the directors then in office, even if less than a quorum.

As set forth in our corporate governance guidelines, all directors, other than our CEO, who are first elected to the board of directors after August 2, 2017, will have a term limit of 15 years, unless the board approves an exception to this limit, which the board has the authority to do on a case-by-case basis. In addition, a director will not be eligible to stand for re-election as a director where he or she has reached the age of 74 before the date of election, unless the board approves an exception to this guideline, which the board has the authority to do on a case-by-case basis.

Vote Required

In any uncontested election of directors, each director will be elected if more votes are cast for the director s election than are cast against the director s election, with abstentions and broken-votes not being counted as a vote cast

either for or against the director s election. A plurality standard will apply in any contested election of directors, which is an election in which the number of nominees for director exceeds the number of directors to be elected.

If any incumbent director fails to receive a majority of the votes cast in any uncontested election, the director will be required to tender his or her resignation to the board of directors within ten days following certification of the election results. The nominating and corporate governance committee of the board of directors, or such other committee as the board may designate, will then recommend to the board whether to accept or reject such director s resignation, or whether other action

should be taken. The nominating and corporate governance committee may consider any factors it considers appropriate or relevant in considering whether to accept or reject a director's resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The board will act on the nominating and corporate governance committee's recommendation and publicly disclose its decision within 120 days following the date of the certification of the election results. If the tendered resignation is accepted by the board, the board may fill the resulting vacancy or decrease the number of directors comprising the board in accordance with our bylaws.

Your proxy will be voted FOR the election of the nominees set forth in the proxy card, unless you vote against, or abstain from voting for or against, one or more of them. If any nominee is unable or unwilling to stand for election, your proxy authorizes us to vote for a replacement nominee if the board names one.

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 1

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Director Qualifications

There are no specific minimum qualifications a nominee must meet in order to be recommended for the board. However, our nominating and corporate governance committee seeks to establish, as required by the committee s charter, a board that consists of individuals from diverse educational and professional experiences and backgrounds, that, when taken as a whole, provide meaningful counsel to management. Board candidates are considered based upon various criteria, such as their broad- based business skills and experiences, prominence and reputation in their profession, global business perspective, concern for the long-term interests of our shareholders and personal integrity, values and judgment—all in the context of an assessment of the perceived needs of the board. In addition, directors must have significant time available to devote to board activities and to enhance their knowledge of our business. Although we do not have a formal policy with respect to diversity, our nominating and corporate governance committee considers the diversity of our board as a whole, including the skills, background and experience of our directors.

Our nominating and corporate governance committee believes each member of our board of

directors possesses the individual qualities necessary to serve on the company s board of directors, including high personal and professional ethical standards and integrity, honesty and good values. Our directors are highly educated and have diverse backgrounds and extensive track records of success in what we believe are highly relevant positions with large international companies, firms and major private and public institutions. They have each demonstrated an ability to exercise sound judgment and have exhibited a commitment of service to the company and to the board, and each of our directors possesses strong communication skills. In addition, we believe that each director brings the skills, experience and perspective that, when taken as a whole, creates a board that possesses the requirements necessary to oversee the company s business. Each nominee s particular experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the board to conclude that such nominee should serve as a director for the company are set forth below. The committee reviews the board membership criteria and modifies them as necessary each year.

The board of directors recommends a vote FOR the election of all eight nominees.

Biographical Summaries of Nominees

NOMINEES

Leroy M. Ball, Jr.

Age 50

Director Since 2015

Mr. Ball has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the company and Koppers Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary, since January 1, 2015. From August 2014 through December 2014, Mr. Ball served as Chief Operating Officer of the company and Koppers Inc. and from May 2014 until August 2014, Mr. Ball served as both Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the company and Koppers Inc. Mr. Ball served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the company and Koppers Inc. from September 2010 to May 2014. Prior to joining Koppers, Mr. Ball was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Calgon Carbon Inc., a provider of services, products and solutions for purifying water and air, since 2002. Mr. Ball has been a director of Koppers Inc. since May 2013. Mr. Ball has served as a director of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, a public company and global manufacturer of technically advanced specialty materials and complex components, since February 2019.

Mr. Ball has significant leadership experience in global businesses and valuable financial expertise and experience. As the only current management representative on our board, Mr. Ball enhances board discussions by providing an insider s perspective on the company s business, operations and strategic direction and insight into all aspects of the company s business.

Sharon Feng, Ph.D.

Age 60

Director Since 2009

Dr. Feng has served as Head, Industrial and Packing Coatings Research & Development of PPG Industries, Inc., a public company and a global supplier of paints, coatings, optical products, and specialty materials, since June 2018. In addition, Dr. Feng has served as the Chief Executive Officer of ImmunArtes LLC, a biotech startup company, since November 2017. From September 2012 to June 2018, Dr. Feng held the positions of Executive Director and subsequently the Senior Associate Dean for Budget and Strategy of the University of Chicago s Institute for Molecular Engineering, an interdisciplinary research institute and academic unit of a private research university.

Dr. Feng holds a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry, which has provided her with a technical background and a strong expertise in the specialty chemicals industry. Dr. Feng s technical and industry experience, her experience in risk management and regulatory compliance, and her knowledge of environmental risks and best practices, developed through her leadership positions with PPG Industries, Inc., Bayer MaterialScience LLC and Lanxess Corporation, provide an invaluable perspective to the board s discussions. In addition, her insights into international business development, particularly in Asian markets, contribute to the board s consideration of operations in that region.

2 KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Traci L. Jensen

Age 52

Director Since 2018

Ms. Jensen has served as Senior Vice President, Global Construction Adhesives, at H.B. Fuller Company, a global adhesives manufacturer based out of St. Paul, Minnesota, since September 2016. From January 2012 to September 2016, Ms. Jensen served as Senior Vice President, Americas Adhesives, at H.B. Fuller Company. Additionally, Ms. Jensen serves on the board of H.B. Fuller Foundation and previously served as Executive Committee Chairman on the Adhesives and Sealants Council.

Ms. Jensen s experience in international operations within the chemicals industry and unique chemicals industry insights, developed through her leadership responsibilities in areas such as manufacturing, sales, marketing, research and development, and human resources, bring important perspective to the board s discussions. In particular, Ms. Jensen s international expertise contributes to the board s consideration of our global operations.

David L. Motley

Age 60

Director Since 2018

Mr. Motley has served as Managing Partner with BlueTree Venture Fund, a venture fund based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, since April 2012. In addition, Mr. Motley has served as Chief Executive Officer and President of MCAPS, LLC, a professional services company, since January 2018. From February 2011 to July 2017, Mr. Motley served as Senior Managing Partner of Headwaters SC, a private equity advisory services company.

During his career, Mr. Motley has served in various leadership roles involving strategic planning, business group management, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate portfolio management. With more than 30 years of experience in consulting with executive management across multiple industries, Mr. Motley has been instrumental in developing corporate diversity initiatives in the U.S. and has also served as a director on various non-profit charitable and educational organizations. Mr. Motley is also an experienced board member, having served as a director of F.N.B. Corporation, a public financial services corporation, since July 2013. In addition to his board experience, Mr. Motley s knowledge and experience in corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions and other corporate growth initiatives deliver valuable insight to the board and enhance Mr. Motley s ability to evaluate these matters as a member of our board.

Albert J. Neupaver

Age 68

Director Since 2009

Mr. Neupaver has served as the Chairman and subsequently the Executive Chairman of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation, a public company and one of the world s largest providers of value-added, technology-based equipment and services for the global rail industry, since May 2017. From May 2014 to May 2017, Mr. Neupaver served as the Executive Chairman of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation. From February 2006 until May 2014, Mr. Neupaver served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation. His operational knowledge and leadership skills are further demonstrated by his additional public company experience at AMETEK, Inc., a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electromechanical devices, where he served as the President of the electromechanical group from 1998 to February 2006.

Mr. Neupaver is also an experienced board member, having served as a director of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation since 2006, a director of Robbins & Myers, Inc., a public company and leading supplier of engineered equipment and systems, from January 2009 to February 2013 and a director of Genesee & Wyoming Inc., a public company and owner/operator of short line and regional freight railroads, since October 2015. His other affiliations include service on the board of directors of the Carnegie Science Center, the board of trustees of the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and the Children s Hospital Foundation Board. Mr. Neupaver s experience as a chief executive officer allows him to better assess our operational risks and growth opportunities.

Louis L. Testoni

Age 69

Director Since 2013

Mr. Testoni has served as a member of the board of directors of ABARTA, Inc., a private holding company, since April 2011, and was recently elected Independent Lead Director. Mr. Testoni has also served as the Lead Independent Director for Control Concepts Corporation, Inc., a family-owned business, since 2015, and as a member of the board of advisors of Henderson Brothers, Inc., a privately-held insurance agency, since December 2012. Mr. Testoni served as an executive in residence at the University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business, a major public university, from September 2012 until June 2016. From September 2007 through June 2010, Mr. Testoni served as the Lake Erie Market Managing Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an international professional services firm.

Mr. Testoni s board experience also includes his position as a member of the board of trustees of The Frick Art and Historical Center and as a member of the board of Achieving The Dream, Inc., a non-profit seeking to bring under-educated urban youth into colleges for advanced education and technical training. Mr. Testoni also previously served as Chairman of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and as a director of the Three Rivers Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors, a non-profit membership group for corporate board members. In addition to his broad board experience, Mr. Testoni s financial background offers the board a key

perspective and depth on financial and accounting matters.

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 3

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Stephen R. Tritch

Age 69

Director Since 2009

Mr. Tritch served as the Chief Executive Officer of Westinghouse Electric Company, a global provider of fuel, services, technology, plant design, and equipment for the commercial nuclear electric power industry, from June 2002 to June 2008. While serving in that role, Mr. Tritch had oversight of that company is operations, financial reporting and risk analysis. During his 37 years with Westinghouse Electric Company, Mr. Tritch held a number of management positions, including Senior Vice President Fuel Business Unit, Senior Vice President Integration and Senior Vice President Services Business Unit. His business acumen and proven leadership skills developed through years of managing this international organization provide the board with an executive and leadership perspective on the management and operations of a large company with global operations.

An experienced board member, Mr. Tritch served as the Chairman of the board of Westinghouse Electric Company from June 2006 until his retirement in June 2010. He also served as Chairman of the audit committee of Westinghouse Electric Company. Mr. Tritch served as a director of The Shaw Group, Inc., a public company and a global provider of pumping systems, engineering procurement and construction services, from April 2009 to February 2013. Mr. Tritch has served as a director of Charah Solutions, Inc., a leading provider of mission critical environmental and maintenance services to the power generation industry, since June 2018, and currently serves as Chairman of its board. His additional leadership roles include service as the Chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Pittsburgh and as a member of the board of trustees of the John Heinz History Center.

Sonja M. Wilkerson

Age 58

Director Since 2018

Ms. Wilkerson has served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer of Bloom Energy Corporation, which designs, manufactures and sells solid-oxide fuel cell systems, since January 2019. From December 2016 to January 2019, Ms. Wilkerson served as the Senior Vice President, Human Resources, at Infinera Corporation, a vertically integrated packet-optical solutions provider, serving the largest network operators in the world. From November 2014 to December 2016, Ms. Wilkerson served as Vice President, Human Resources, at Hewlett Packard Enterprise. From October 2004 to October 2014, Ms. Wilkerson served as Director, Human Resources, at Cisco Systems.

Ms. Wilkerson brings years of global and diverse experience having served as a Vice President of Administration, responsible for human resources, information technology and facilities management for both domestic and international operations. In addition, Ms. Wilkerson has led merger integration activities and successfully managed the joining of diverse international cultures. Ms. Wilkerson s depth of experience in human resources and talent management, especially with respect to planning for the workforce of the future, serve as a unique resource and valuable viewpoint in the board s discussions.

Board Meetings and Committees

Board Meetings

Our corporate governance guidelines provide that our directors are expected to attend the meetings of the board, the board committees on which they serve and the annual meeting of shareholders. All directors then in office typically attend all committee meetings. All directors then in office attended our 2018 annual meeting of shareholders.

During 2018, the board held nine meetings. Each incumbent director attended at least 75 percent of the aggregate number of meetings of our board and of the committees on which he or she sat, and the cumulative attendance at meetings of our board and committees of our board during 2018 was 99 percent.

Board Committees

Our board of directors currently has five standing committees: an audit committee, a management development and compensation committee, a nominating and corporate governance committee, a safety, health and environmental committee and a strategy and risk committee. Descriptions of these

committees are set forth below. Each of our committees operates under a charter adopted by our board of directors. The charters of our committees are available on our website at *www.koppers.com*. You may also request a printed copy of any committee charter at no cost by writing to our corporate secretary at Koppers Holdings Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary s Office, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1550, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Our shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE. We are subject to the NYSE corporate governance rules and certain rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, including the rules relating to independent members on certain of our board committees. The NYSE rules require that all of the members of our audit, nominating and corporate governance, and management development and compensation committees be independent. All of the members of our audit, nominating and corporate governance, and management development and compensation committees are independent as required by the NYSE rules.

4 KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Audit Committee

Members: Louis L. Testoni (Chair, Audit Committee Financial Expert), Cynthia A. Baldwin, Traci L. Jensen, David L. Motley, Albert J. Neupaver, Stephen R. Tritch, T. Michael Young

All Members Independent

Responsibilities. The audit committee s responsibilities include oversight of the integrity of our financial statements; the appointment, compensation and supervision of our independent registered public accounting firm, which we also refer to as our independent auditor; review of the independence of our independent auditor; resolution of disagreements between our management and our independent auditor and oversight of our internal audit function. The audit committee has the authority to engage independent counsel or other outside advisors and experts as necessary to advise the committee in the performance of its duties.

5 meetings in 2018

Overseeing the Integrity of our Financial Statements. The audit committee s responsibilities include oversight of the integrity of our financial statements, which entails:

Reviewing, prior to the audit, the scope and procedures to be utilized in the audit with the independent auditor;

Receiving reports from the independent auditor regarding our critical accounting policies and practices;

Meeting with the independent auditor, without our management, to discuss the audit or other issues deemed relevant by the audit committee, including, but not limited to significant audit issues or concerns and management s response thereto;

Reviewing management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, including any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified by management or the independent auditor;

Meeting with management and the independent auditor to review significant reporting issues and practices, including changes in or adoption of accounting principles and disclosure practices; and

Reviewing disclosures in our periodic reports filed with the SEC, including the Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of such reports.

Appointment and Supervision of the Independent Auditor. In connection with the appointment and supervision of our independent auditor, the audit committee s responsibilities include, among other things:

Receiving annual written communication from the independent auditor delineating all relationships with and proposed professional services to us;

Reviewing alhon-audit services proposed to be provided by the independent auditor;

Receiving and reviewing, on an annual basis, reports from the independent auditor regarding its internal quality control procedures and results of most recent peer review or any inquiry or investigation by any governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years;

Reviewing the qualifications and performance of the independent auditor and the lead partner of the independent auditor and making certain that a replacement is named to the lead partner position every five years; and

Reviewing and approving, as appropriate, the compensation of the independent auditor.

Receipt and Treatment of Complaints. The board has established, and the audit committee has reviewed, procedures for the receipt and treatment of complaints we receive concerning, among other things, accounting, internal controls or auditing matters, as well as confidential anonymous submissions by our employees regarding accounting or auditing matters. The audit committee also

reviews our process for communicating these procedures to our employees.

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 5

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Management Development and

Members: Stephen R. Tritch (Chair), Traci L. Jensen, Albert J. Neupaver, Sonja M. Wilkerson, T. Michael Young

Compensation Committee

All Members Independent

6 meetings in 2018

Responsibilities. The management development and compensation committee is responsible, among other things, for establishing and reviewing compensation criteria at the board and executive levels. The committee seeks to ensure that our compensation practices are in compliance with the law and with our Code of Conduct and are commensurate with the high standards of performance expected of our directors and officers.

Director and Executive Compensation. The committee will periodically review and propose to the full board the compensation for non-employee directors. Such review must occur at least once every two years. In addition, the management development and compensation committee annually approves and recommends to the board for ratification our chief executive officer s compensation and, based in part on recommendations from our chief executive officer, the compensation structure for all other officers and key executives, including the adoption of cash-based and equity-based incentive compensation plans.

Administration of Incentive Compensation Plans. The management development and compensation committee is charged with administering our cash-based and equity-based incentive compensation plans, which we refer to as incentive compensation plans. Among other things, the management development and compensation committee will determine which eligible employees receive awards under such plans, determine the types of awards to be received and the conditions thereof, and will make any other determination or take any other action that it deems necessary or desirable to administer each incentive compensation plan. From time to time, the management development and compensation committee will also review and recommend medical, retirement, insurance and other benefit packages for officers and eligible employees.

Succession Planning. At least annually, after considering the recommendations of management, the management development and compensation committee will make recommendations to the board regarding a succession plan, including succession in the event of an emergency or crisis, for our chief executive officer and other officers and key employees, after considering recommendations of

management.

Use of Advisers. The management development and compensation committee has the sole power to retain and terminate consulting firms to assist it in performing its responsibilities, including the authority to approve the firm s fees and retention terms. The committee has the authority to obtain advice and assistance from internal or external legal, accounting, human resource or other advisors and to have direct access to such advisors without the presence of our management or other employees. The committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any such advisors retained by the committee and may select a compensation consultant, legal counsel or other advisor only after taking into consideration all factors relevant to that person s independence from management, as required by NYSE rules.

6 KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nominating and Corporate

Governance Committee

All Members Independent

7 meetings in 2018

Members: T. Michael Young (Chair), Sharon Feng, David L. Motley, Louis L. Testoni, Stephen R. Tritch, Sonja M. Wilkerson

Recommendations for Director Candidates. The nominating and corporate governance committee s goals and responsibilities include identifying and recommending individuals qualified to serve as members of the board of directors consistent with criteria approved by the board of directors. The committee identifies candidates for the board of directors by soliciting recommendations from committee members and incumbent directors and considering recommendations from employees and shareholders. The committee also has sole authority to retain and terminate search firms, which will report directly to the committee, to assist in identifying director candidates. The nominating and corporate governance committee charter provides that the committee will ensure that the nominees for membership on the board of directors are of a high caliber and are able to provide insightful, intelligent and effective guidance to our management.

Oversight of the Evaluation of the Board and Management. The committee is responsible for the oversight of the evaluation of the board of directors and corporate management. In doing so, the nominating and corporate governance committee evaluates, and reports to the board of directors, the performance and effectiveness of the board of directors as a whole and each committee of the board as a whole (including an evaluation of itself and the effectiveness of the management development and compensation committee in its process of establishing goals and objectives for, and evaluating the performance of, our chief executive officer and our other officers).

Corporate Governance Matters. The committee is committed to ensuring that our corporate governance is in full compliance with the law, reflects generally accepted principles of good corporate governance, encourages flexible and dynamic management without undue burdens and effectively manages the risks of our business and our operations. To accomplish this, the committee developed and recommended to the board of directors a set of corporate governance guidelines. The committee must review and, if appropriate, recommend to the board appropriate changes to the corporate governance guidelines at least once every year and the articles of incorporation, bylaws, the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics Applicable to Senior Officers at least once every two years. The committee is charged with investigating and advising the board with respect to

any violations of the Code of Ethics Applicable to Senior Officers and, to the extent involving directors or officers, the Code of Conduct, including conflicts of interest between directors or officers and us, and including a review of the outside activities of directors and officers. It is the obligation of each director and officer to bring to the attention of the nominating and corporate governance committee any actual, apparent or possible conflict of interest.

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 7

PROXY ITEM 1 PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Safety, Health and Environmental Members: Sharon Feng (Chair), Cynthia A. Baldwin, Leroy M. Ball, Jr.,

Traci L. Jensen, Sonja M. Wilkerson

Committee

4 meetings in 2018 Our safety, health and environmental committee is responsible for reviewing

our policies and practices that address safety, health and environmental concerns and significant legislative and regulatory trends and developments concerning safety, health and environmental issues. The committee reviews management practices and results to ensure that our managers are promoting proper and government-mandated practices in the areas of safety, health and the environment and that we have written procedures and an audit program in place to ensure proper training, safeguards and controls in these areas. The safety, health and environmental committee s charter requires the committee to meet regularly with the relevant executive officers and senior operations managers accountable for product and process safety, health and

environmental programs.

Strategy and Risk Committee Members: Albert J. Neupaver (Chair), Traci L. Jensen, David L. Motley, Louis L.

Testoni, Stephen R. Tritch, T. Michael Young

All Members Independent The committee s responsibilities include, among other things:

7 *meetings in 2018* Advising the board and management regarding long-range planning in the areas of transactions, financial matters, shareholder engagement, risk management and

related matters;

Assessing and providing oversight to management relating to the identification and evaluation of major strategic, operational, regulatory, information and external risks inherent in the business of the company and the control processes with respect to such risks.

with respect to such risks;

Reviewing significant relationships with analysts, shareholders, financing sources and related parties;

Reviewing and advising the board and management regarding the company s strategic planning process;

Staying abreast of activities of the company s shareholders and other stakeholders;

Monitoring shareholder turnover;

Reviewing governance as it pertains to the company s shareholder base; and

Preparing in advance in order to respond to engagement from the company s shareholders.

8 KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Corporate Governance Guidelines

Our board of directors has adopted corporate governance guidelines to ensure we are fully compliant with the law and engaging in corporate governance best practices, which promote the long-term interests of shareholders and strengthen board and management accountability.

Our corporate governance guidelines address matters such as:
the selection and composition of the board;
board leadership;
board performance;
the board s relationship to senior management; meeting procedures;
committee matters;
leadership development; and
stock ownership guidelines for non-employee directors. A copy of our corporate governance guidelines is available on our website at <i>www.koppers.com</i> . You may also request a printed copy at no cost by writing to our corporate secretary at Koppers Holdings Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary s Office, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1550, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

Director Independence

For a director to qualify as independent, our board must affirmatively determine that a director does not have a material relationship with the company (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a material relationship with the company). Our board has established its own guidelines for what constitutes

independence for directors (which are included in our corporate governance guidelines available on our website at www.koppers.com) which conform to, or are more exacting than, the independence requirements of the NYSE. In making its independence determinations, the board reviewed the independence guidelines that are part of our corporate governance guidelines, the corporate governance rules of the NYSE and the individual circumstances of each director.

Our Guidelines on Independence

The following is a summary of the guidelines established by our board in our corporate governance guidelines and which are used by the board to help determine the independence of each director. In general, the board will determine that a director will not be independent if, within the preceding three years:

the director was or is currently also our employee;

an immediate family member of the director was or is currently employed by us as an executive officer;

the director was (but is no longer) a partner in or employed by a firm that is our internal or external auditor and personally worked on our audit within that time;

an immediate family member of the director was (but is no longer) a partner in or employed by a firm that is our internal or external auditor and personally worked on our audit within that time;

one of our current executive officers was or is currently on the compensation committee of a company which employed our director, or which employed an immediate family member of the director as an executive officer at the same time; or

the director or an immediate family member of the director received in any twelve-month period during such three-year period direct compensation from us and our consolidated subsidiaries in excess of \$120,000 other than director compensation (including committee fees) and pensions or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service).

In addition, the board will determine that a director is not independent if:

the director or the immediate family member of the director is a current partner of a firm that is our internal or external auditor;

the director is a current employee of such internal or external auditing firm; or

the director has an immediate family member who is a current employee of such internal or external auditing firm and who personally works on our audit.

When the board reviews the independence of its members, the board considers the following commercial or charitable relationships to be material relationships that would impair a director s independence:

the director is a current employee of, or has an immediate family member who is a current executive officer of, another company that has made payments to, or received payments from, us in any of the last three fiscal years that exceed the greater of \$1.0 million or two percent of the consolidated gross revenues of the company with which he or she is so associated;

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 9

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

the director is an executive officer of another company which is indebted to us, or to which we are indebted, and the total amount of either company s indebtedness to the other is two percent or more of the total consolidated assets of the company for which he or she serves as an executive officer; or

the director serves as an officer, director or trustee of a charitable organization, and our discretionary charitable contributions to the organization exceed the greater of \$1.0 million or two percent of that organization s consolidated gross revenues (excluding for this purpose our automatic matching, if any, of employee and director charitable contributions).

Each independent director is required to notify the chair of the nominating and corporate governance committee of any event, situation or condition that may affect the board s evaluation of the director s independence.

Our Board s Independence Determinations

Our board of directors reviewed the independence of each of our current directors and nominees, in accordance with our corporate governance guidelines and NYSE rules. Based on its review, the board of directors determined that a majority of our current directors and nominees have no material relationship with us (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or an officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and are independent under the independence criteria for directors established by the NYSE and in accordance with our corporate governance guidelines. Based on this evaluation, our board has determined that Justice Baldwin, Dr. Feng, Ms. Jensen, Mr. Motley, Mr. Neupaver, Mr. Testoni, Mr. Tritch, Ms. Wilkerson and Mr. Young each satisfy the independence standards. In addition, based on its evaluation, the board determined that Mr. Ball is not independent.

Board Leadership Structure

Our current practice is that the roles of the chairman of the board and the chief executive officer should be separate because our board believes separating the roles allows the chairman to serve as a check on the chief executive officer and to independently assess the overall performance of the company on behalf of the shareholders. In addition, our board believes it is important to separate the roles of the chief executive officer and the chairman of the board due to the differences between the two roles and the time-intensive responsibilities of each. Our chief executive officer is the officer through whom the board delegates authority to corporate management. He is responsible for setting our strategic direction and

the day-to-day leadership and performance of the company, while ensuring that all orders and resolutions of the board are carried into effect. The chairman of the board, on the other hand, provides guidance to our chief executive officer,

presides over meetings of the full board, calls meetings of the board and board committees when he deems them necessary and performs all duties assigned to him by the board. Our chairman of the board is also responsible for acting as chairman at all meetings of our shareholders. Mr. Tritch, one of our independent directors, is currently the chairman of our board and the lead independent director for executive sessions.

Executive Sessions

Our independent directors meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. Our corporate governance guidelines provide that when the roles of the chairman of the board of directors and the chief executive officer are separate and the chairman of the board of directors is not an employee, then the chairman of the board of directors also serves as the independent Presiding Director. The independent Presiding Director presides over the executive sessions of the

independent directors and, together with the members of the nominating and corporate governance committee, develops the agendas for the executive sessions and periodically reviews and proposes revisions to the board s procedures and the corporate governance guidelines. The independent Presiding Director is also responsible for communicating the board s annual evaluation of the chief executive officer.

10 KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Risk Oversight

Committee

Our board as a whole has an active role in overseeing the company s management of risks. Our board regularly assesses the major risks facing the company and reviews options for their mitigation by reviewing information regarding accounting, operational, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational risks based on reports from senior management, including by our chief compliance officer, and our independent auditor. In addition, our board has established a formal risk management process that involves regular and systematic identification and evaluation of risks. Our board delegates the oversight of specific risk areas to board committees as follows:

Rick Oversight Responsibilities

Committee	Risk Oversight Responsibilities
Audit	Review with management and our independent auditor the company s risk assessment and risk management practices and discuss policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management
	Oversee the company s risk policies and processes relating to financial statements, financial systems, financial reporting processes, compliance and auditing, as well as the guidelines, policies and processes for monitoring and mitigating such risks
Nominating and Corporate Governance	Manage risks associated with the independence of the board, potential conflicts of interest, reputation and ethics and corporate governance
Management Development and Compensation	Review risks associated with human capital, employee benefits and executive compensation
Safety, Health and Environmental	Assess regulatory and compliance risks associated with the company s safety, health and environmental performance
Strategy and Risk	Assess and provide oversight to management relating to the identification and evaluation of major strategic, operational, regulatory, information and external risks inherent in the business of the company and the control processes with respect to such risks

Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

Our board of directors has adopted a Code of Conduct for all directors, officers and employees and a Code of Ethics Applicable to Senior Officers. A copy of each code is available on our website at www.koppers.com. You may also request a written copy at no cost by writing to our corporate secretary at Koppers Holdings Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary s Office, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1550, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219. The Code of Conduct covers such matters as conflicts of interest, insider trading, misuse of confidential information, compliance with laws and protection

and proper use of corporate assets. Directors are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct and report any violations of the code, including any potential conflicts of interest, as outlined in the code. All directors must remove themselves from any discussion or decision affecting their business or personal interests. We intend to post on our website all disclosures that are required by law, the SEC rules or the NYSE rules concerning any amendments to, or waivers from, any provision of our codes.

Communications with the Board

The board of directors welcomes the input and suggestions of shareholders and other interested parties. Shareholders and other interested parties wishing to contact the chairman of the board or the non-management directors as a group may do so by sending a written communication to the attention of the chairman of the board, c/o Koppers Holdings Inc., Corporate Secretary s Office, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1550, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219. Issues or complaints regarding questionable accounting practices, internal accounting controls or

auditing matters may be sent in writing to the attention of the audit committee chairman, c/o Koppers Holdings Inc., Corporate Secretary s Office, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1550, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219. Our corporate secretary will forward all written communications to the director to whom it is addressed. Alternatively, you may place an anonymous, confidential, toll-free call in the United States to our Compliance Line at 800-385-4406.

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 11

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Nomination Procedures

The nominating and corporate governance committee will consider nominees for director recommended by the committee, other directors, employees and shareholders and evaluate such nominees against the same criteria used to evaluate all candidates for director. Any shareholder wishing to recommend a candidate for director to the nominating and corporate governance committee should submit the recommendation in writing to our corporate secretary at Koppers Holdings Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary s Office, 436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1550, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219. With respect to the 2020 election of directors, your recommendation to the nominating and corporate governance committee must be received by our corporate secretary on or before December 3, 2019 in accordance with SEC Rule 14a-8.

Pursuant to our bylaws, in order to recommend a nominee for election at our annual meeting a shareholder must provide advance notice of such nomination (1) if the meeting is to be held on a date that is within 30 days before or 30 days after the anniversary date of the prior annual meeting, not less than 120 days nor more than 150 days prior to such annual meeting, or (2) if the meeting is to be held on a date that is not within 30 days before or 30 days after the prior annual meeting, not later than the tenth day following the day on which notice of the date of the meeting was mailed or the first public disclosure of the date of such meeting was made, whichever occurs first. In the case of a special meeting to elect directors, notice must be received no later than the tenth day following the earlier of the day on which notice was mailed or the first public disclosure of the date of such meeting. Any such notice must set forth, among other things: (1) the name, age, address and principal occupation of the nominee; (2) a representation that the notifying shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy to nominate the nominee; (3) the class and number of shares beneficially owned by the nominee; (4) the number of shares to be voted by the notifying shareholder for the nominee; (5) a description of all arrangements between the notifying shareholder and the nominee and other persons pursuant to which the nomination is to be made; (6) all information about the nominee that would be required to be

disclosed in a proxy statement (including a written consent to serving as director); and (7) a written representation and agreement, (i) disclosing, and providing that if elected that he or she will disclose, any agreement with any person as to how such nominee will act or vote, (ii) disclosing, and providing that if elected that he or she will disclose, any other commitments that could interfere with his or her fiduciary duties, (iii) disclosing, and providing that if elected that he or she will disclose, any agreement with any person with respect to direct or indirect compensation or indemnification for services as director, and (iv) providing that if elected that he or she will comply with all applicable corporate governance, conflict of interest, stock ownership, trading, and other policies and guidelines.

As to the shareholder giving notice, any beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is made, and any person controlled by or controlling such shareholder and beneficial owners, such notice must set forth: (1) their name and address; (2) class and number of shares beneficially owned and of record and any other positions owned, including derivatives, hedges and any other economic or voting interest in the company; (3) a representation whether such person intends to be part of the group which intends to deliver a proxy statement or otherwise solicit proxies from shareholders; (4) whether hedging or other transactions have been made to mitigate a loss of such person; and (5) any other information relating to each party that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement.

All notices provided must be updated so that the information provided is true and correct as of the record date and as of the date that is ten business days prior to the meeting.

The company may also require any nominee to submit to background checks and an in-person interview and furnish such other information as reasonably required to determine the eligibility of the nominee to serve as an independent director or that could be material to the understanding of independence.

Under our bylaws, no nominations may now be made by shareholders for the 2019 annual meeting.

12 KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Committee Reports to Shareholders

Audit Committee Report

As set forth in our charter, management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of our financial statements, and for maintaining appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies and internal controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with accounting standards and related laws and regulations. Our internal auditors are responsible for providing reliable and timely information to the board of directors and senior management concerning the quality and effectiveness of, and the level of adherence to, our control and compliance procedures and risk management systems. Our independent auditor is responsible for planning and carrying out an integrated audit of our consolidated annual financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (the PCAOB), reviewing our annual report on Fortio-K prior to the filing of such report with the SEC, and reviewing our quarterly financial statements prior to the filing of each of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q with the SEC.

In the performance of its oversight function, the audit committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, with management and with KPMG LLP, our independent auditor for 2018. The audit committee has discussed with our independent auditor the matters required to be discussed by PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 1301, *Communications with Audit Committees* (AS 1301). The audit committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditor required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, *Communications with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*, regarding the independent auditor s communications with the audit committee concerning independence and has discussed with the independent auditor its independence. Also, in the performance of its oversight function, during 2018 the audit committee received frequent reports from our director of internal audit.

At various times the audit committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services by the independent auditor to us is compatible with maintaining the independent auditor s independence and has discussed with KPMG LLP their independence. The audit committee or its chairman (acting pursuant to delegated authority) pre-approves all new non-audit services (as defined in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002) proposed to be performed by our independent auditor.

Based upon the review and discussions described in this report, and subject to the limitations on the role and responsibilities of the audit committee referred to above and in its charter, the audit committee recommended to the board of directors that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, for filing with the SEC.

The audit committee of the board of directors presents the foregoing report.

Louis L. Testoni (Chairman) Cynthia A. Baldwin Traci L. Jensen Albert J. Neupaver Stephen R. Tritch T. Michael Young

David L. Motley

Management Development and Compensation Committee Report

The management development and compensation committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with our management. Based on our review and discussions, the committee has recommended to our board of directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

The management development and compensation committee of the board of directors presents the foregoing report.

Stephen R. Tritch (Chairman)

Traci L. Jensen

Albert J. Neupaver

Sonja M. Wilkerson

T. Michael Young

KOPPERS HOLDINGS INC. - 2019 Proxy Statement 13

COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP

Director, Director Nominee and Executive Officer Stock Ownership

Set forth below is certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of shares of our common stock as of March 18, 2019, by directors, including director nominees, the NEOs, who are included in the Summary Compensation Table, and all directors and executive officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares shown in the table are held either by the individual alone or by the individual together with his or her spouse.

Name of	Amount and Nature of Beneficial
Beneficial Owner	Ownership ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Cynthia A. Baldwin	20,976
Sharon Feng	26,016
Traci L. Jensen	1,768
David L. Motley	1,768
Albert J. Neupaver	50,316
	50,510