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Dear Shareholder:

Our 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the H.B. Fuller Company headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please join us. Parking at our headquarters building for attendance at the meeting is complimentary.

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the Proxy Statement describe the business to be conducted at the meeting.

Similar to previous years, we have elected to take advantage of the notice and access rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to furnish most of our shareholders with proxy materials over the Internet. This method of delivery allows us to provide you with the information you need, while reducing printing and delivery expenses.

Your vote on the proposals is important. Whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, we encourage you to vote your shares to make certain that you are represented at the meeting. You may vote via the Internet or, if you received a printed copy of the proxy materials, by telephone or by mailing a proxy or voting instruction card.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

James J. Owens
President and Chief Executive Officer

February 26, 2014

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Date and Time: Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Place: H.B. Fuller Company

1200 Willow Lake Boulevard

St. Paul, Minnesota

Items of Business: The election of three directors named in the attached Proxy Statement for a three-year term.

A non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers disclosed

in the attached Proxy Statement.

The ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as H.B. Fuller s independent registered public

accounting firm for the fiscal year ending November 29, 2014.

Any other business that may properly be considered at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Record Date: You may vote at the meeting if you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on February

12, 2014.

Voting by Proxy: It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting. Whether or not you plan to

attend the meeting in person, we encourage you to submit your proxy as soon as possible. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials you received in the mail, the section entitled *Questions and Answers about the Meeting* beginning on page 1 of this Proxy Statement, or if you received printed proxy materials, the enclosed proxy or voting instruction card. You can revoke a proxy at any time prior to its exercise at the meeting by following the instructions in the accompanying Proxy

Statement.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Timothy J. Keenan

Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

February 26, 2014

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PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

APRIL 10, 2014

The Board of Directors of H.B. Fuller Company is soliciting proxies to be used at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 10, 2014, and at any adjournment and reconvening of the meeting. We first made this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013 available to our shareholders on or about February 26, 2014.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE MEETING

What is the purpose of the meeting?

At our annual meeting, shareholders will act upon the matters disclosed in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders that accompanies this Proxy Statement. These include the election of three directors, a non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement (the Say on Pay Proposal) and the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm.

We will also consider any other business that may properly be presented at the meeting, and management will report on H.B. Fuller s performance during the last fiscal year and respond to questions from shareholders.

How does the Board recommend that I vote?

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director, FOR the Say on Pay Proposal, and FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending November 29, 2014.

Who is entitled to vote at the meeting?

If you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on February 12, 2014, you are entitled to vote at the meeting.

As of the record date, 50,056,282 shares of Common Stock were outstanding and eligible to vote.

What is the difference between a shareholder of record and a street name holder?

If your shares are registered directly in your name, you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of those shares, and your shares are held in street name. If you are a street name holder you will receive a voting instruction card, which appears very similar to a proxy card. Please complete that card as directed in order to ensure your shares are voted at the meeting.

What are the voting rights of the shareholders?

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share. Therefore, a total of 50,056,282 votes are entitled to be cast at the meeting. There is no cumulative voting for the election of directors.

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How many shares must be present to hold the meeting?

A quorum is necessary to hold the meeting and conduct business. The presence of shareholders who can direct the voting of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of the record date is considered a quorum. A shareholder is counted as present at the meeting if the shareholder is present and votes in person at the meeting or the shareholder has properly submitted a proxy by mail, telephone or Internet.

How do I vote my shares?

If you are a shareholder of record, you may give a proxy to be voted at the meeting either:

electronically, by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or proxy card; or

if you received printed proxy materials, you may also vote by mail or telephone as instructed on the proxy card. If you hold shares beneficially in street name, you may also vote by proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or, if you received printed proxy materials, you may also vote by mail or telephone by following the instructions provided in the voting instruction card provided to you by your broker, bank, trustee or nominee.

The telephone and Internet voting procedures have been set up for your convenience. The procedures have been designed to authenticate your identity, to allow you to give voting instructions, and to confirm that those instructions have been recorded properly. You may also vote in person at the meeting as described in *Can I vote my shares in person at the meeting?* below.

If you hold any shares in the H.B. Fuller Company 401(k) & Retirement Plan (sometimes referred to as the 401(k) Plan in this Proxy Statement), you are receiving or being provided access to, the same proxy materials as any other shareholder of record. However, your proxy vote will serve as voting instructions to the plan trustee. The shares held in the 401(k) Plan will be voted by the plan trustee.

What does it mean if I receive more than one Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, proxy card or voting instruction card?

It means you hold shares of H.B. Fuller stock in more than one account. To ensure that all of your shares are voted, sign and return each proxy card or voting instruction card or, if you vote by telephone or via the Internet, vote once for each proxy card, voting instruction card or Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials you receive.

Can I vote my shares in person at the meeting?

Yes. If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote your shares at the meeting by completing a ballot at the meeting. However, even if you currently plan to attend the meeting, we recommend that you submit your proxy ahead of time so that your vote will be counted if, for whatever reason, you later decide to not attend the meeting.

If you hold your shares in street name, you may vote your shares in person at the meeting only if you obtain a signed proxy from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee giving you the right to vote such shares at the meeting.

If you are a participant in the 401(k) Plan, you may submit a proxy vote as described above, but you may not vote your 401(k) Plan shares in person at the meeting.

What vote is required for the proposals to be approved?

With respect to the election of directors, the three director nominees receiving the most votes for their election will be elected directors. With respect to the Say On Pay Proposal and the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Common Stock represented and entitled to vote on each proposal is required, provided that the total number of shares of Common Stock that vote in favor of the proposal represents more than 25% of the shares outstanding on the record date.

How are votes counted?

Shareholders may either vote FOR or WITHHOLD authority to vote for each nominee for election to the Board of Directors. Shareholders may vote FOR, AGAINST or ABSTAIN on the Say on Pay Proposal and the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP.

If you vote ABSTAIN or WITHHOLD, your shares will be counted as present at the meeting for the purposes of determining a quorum. If you ABSTAIN from voting on a proposal, your abstention has the same effect as a vote against that proposal. If you WITHHOLD authority to vote for one or more of the nominees for director, this will have no effect on the election of any director from whom votes are withheld.

If you hold your shares in street name and do not provide voting instructions to your broker or nominee, your shares will be considered to be broker non-votes and will not be voted on any proposal on which your broker or nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. Shares that constitute broker non-votes will be present at the meeting for the purpose of determining a quorum, but are not considered entitled to vote on the proposal in question. Your broker or nominee has discretionary authority to vote your shares on the ratification of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm even if your broker or nominee does not receive voting instructions from you. Your broker or nominee may not vote your shares on the election of directors or the Say on Pay Proposal without instructions from you.

What if I do not specify how I want my shares voted?

If you do not specify on your returned proxy card or voting instruction card (or when giving your proxy by telephone or via the Internet) how you want to vote your shares, we will vote them:

FOR all of the nominees for director;

FOR the Say on Pay Proposal;

FOR the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year ending November 29, 2014; and

with respect to such other matters that may properly come before the meeting, in accordance with the judgment of the persons named as proxies.

Can I change my vote?

Yes. If you are a shareholder of record, you may change your vote and revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the meeting in any of the following ways:

by sending a written notice of revocation to our Corporate Secretary;

by submitting another properly signed proxy card at a later date to our Corporate Secretary;

by submitting another proxy by telephone or via the Internet at a later date; or

by voting in person at the meeting.

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If you are a street name holder, please consult your broker, bank, trustee or nominee for instructions on how to change your vote.

Who pays for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation?

We pay for the cost of proxy preparation and solicitation, including the charges and expenses of brokerage firms or other nominees for forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners of shares held in street name. We have retained The Proxy Advisory Group, LLC to assist in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of approximately \$10,000 plus associated costs and expenses.

We are soliciting proxies primarily by mail. In addition, proxies may be solicited by telephone or facsimile, or personally by our directors, officers and regular employees. These individuals will receive no compensation (other than their regular salaries) for these services.

Why did I receive a notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials instead of a full set of paper copies?

In accordance with rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we may furnish proxy materials to our shareholders by providing access to these documents on the Internet instead of mailing printed copies. In general, you will not receive printed copies of the materials unless you request them or you are a participant in the H.B. Fuller Company 401(k) & Retirement Plan. Instead, we mailed you the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (unless you have previously consented to electronic delivery or already requested to receive paper copies), which instructs you as to how you may access and review all of the proxy materials on the Internet. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials explains how to submit your proxy over the Internet. If you would like to receive a paper copy or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, please follow the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

Are the proxy and related materials available electronically?

Yes.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on April 10, 2014

Our Proxy Statement and 2013 Annual Report, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, are available at www.proxyvote.com.

Will any other business be considered at the meeting?

Our Bylaws provide that a shareholder may present a proposal at the annual meeting that is not included in this Proxy Statement only if proper written notice was received by us. No shareholder has given the timely notice required by our Bylaws in order to present a proposal at the annual meeting. Our Board of Directors does not intend to present any other matters for a vote at the annual meeting. If you wish to present a proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting, please see *How can a shareholder present a proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting?* As of the date of this Proxy Statement, we do not know of any other business to be presented for consideration at the annual meeting. If any other business does properly come before the meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote in accordance with their best judgment as to the best interests of H.B. Fuller and its shareholders.

How can a shareholder present a proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting?

In order for a shareholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting, the written proposal must be received at our principal executive offices by the

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close of business on October 29, 2014. The proposal must comply with SEC regulations regarding the inclusion of shareholder proposals in company-sponsored proxy materials and with the requirements set forth in our Bylaws. Please contact our Corporate Secretary for a copy of such regulations and for a description of the steps outlined in our Bylaws that must be taken to present such a proposal.

If a shareholder wishes to present a proposal at the 2015 Annual Meeting that would not be included in our Proxy Statement for such meeting, the shareholder must provide notice to us no later than January 12, 2015 and no earlier than December 11, 2014. Please contact the Corporate Secretary for a description of the steps to be taken to present such a proposal.

How can a shareholder get a copy of the Company s 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K?

Our 2013 Annual Report, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013, accompanies this Proxy Statement. The 2013 Annual Report, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K, is also available via the internet in the *Financial* section of our Investor Relations page of our website (www.hbfuller.com). If requested, we will provide you a paper copy of the 2013 Annual Report, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K without charge. We will also provide you with copies of any exhibits to the Form 10-K, upon written request and upon payment of a fee covering our reasonable expenses in furnishing the exhibits. You can request a paper copy of the 2013 Annual Report, or paper copies of exhibits to the Form 10-K by writing to the Corporate Secretary, H.B. Fuller Company, 1200 Willow Lake Boulevard, P.O. Box 64683, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0683.

Who is the Corporate Secretary?

The Corporate Secretary is Timothy J. Keenan. The mailing address is the Office of the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 64683, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0683.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP

OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table shows how much H.B. Fuller Common Stock each director and executive officer listed in the Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement beneficially owned as of January 27, 2014. The table also shows the beneficial ownership of H.B. Fuller Common Stock of all directors and executive officers of H.B. Fuller as a group. In general, beneficial ownership includes those shares of our Common Stock which a director or executive officer has the power to vote or transfer, as well as stock options that are exercisable currently or within 60 days and stock underlying phantom stock units that may be acquired, in certain circumstances, within 60 days. The detail of beneficial ownership is set forth in the following table. In addition, the table shows all shareholders known to us to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of H.B. Fuller Common Stock.

Unless otherwise noted, the shareholders listed in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Common Stock owned by them, and the shares beneficially owned by our directors and executive officers are not subject to any pledge.

	Amount and	
Name of Beneficial Owner	Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Common Stock Outstanding
BlackRock, Inc.	4,384,663	8.74%
Mairs and Power, Inc.	3,418,429 ²	6.81%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.	3,415,681 ³	6.81%
Franklin Resources, Inc.	2,895,809 ⁴	5.77%
Artisan Partners Limited Partnership	$2{,}633{,}990^{5}$	5.25%
Thomas W. Handley	16,513 ⁶	*
Maria Teresa Hilado	1,303	*
J. Michael Losh	79,662 ⁶	*
Lee R. Mitau	89,416 ⁶	*
Dante C. Parrini	3,309 ^{6,7}	*
Ann W.H. Simonds	1,303 ⁷	*
John C. van Roden, Jr.	37,827 ⁶	*
R. William Van Sant	35,719 ⁶	*
James J. Owens	394,409 ⁸	*
James R. Giertz	223,3919	*
Traci L. Jensen	58,471 ¹⁰	*
Patrick J. Trippel	72,524 ¹¹	*
Steven Kenny	170,396 ¹²	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (16 people)	1,636,679 ¹³	3.19%

- * Indicates less than 1%.
- (1) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 29, 2014 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2013. BlackRock, Inc., a parent holding company, reported that it has sole voting power over 4,233,712 shares and sole dispositive power over all of the shares. The holder s address is 40 East 52 Street, New York, New York 10022.
- (2) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by the holder with the SEC on February 6, 2014 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2013. Mairs and Power, Inc., an investment advisor, reported that it has sole voting power over 2,829,650 shares and sole

dispositive power over all of the shares. The holder s address is W-1520 First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101.

(3) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2014 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2013. The Vanguard Group, Inc., an investment adviser,

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reported that it has sole voting power over 70,831 shares, shared dispositive power over 67,431 shares and sole dispositive power over 3,348,250 shares. The holder s address is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355.

- (4) This information is based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2014 reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2013. The securities reported are beneficially owned by one or more open- or closed-end investment companies or other managed accounts that are investment management clients of investment managers that are direct and indirect subsidiaries of Franklin Resources, Inc. (FRI), including Franklin Advisory Services, LLC (FAS), Franklin Advisers, Inc. (FAI), Franklin Templeton Portfolio Advisors, Inc. (FTPAI) and Fiduciary Trust Company International (FTCI). Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding common stock of FRI and are the principal stockholders of FRI. Under SEC rules and regulations, FRI and its principal stockholders may be deemed to be beneficial owners of securities held by persons and entities for whom or for which FRI subsidiaries provide investment management services. FAS is reported as having sole voting power over 1,535,600 shares and sole dispositive power over 1,638,800 shares; FAI is reported as having sole voting power over 1,074,256 shares and sole dispositive power over 1,137,456 shares; FTPAI is reported as having sole voting and dispositive power over 45,000 shares. The holder s address is One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403-1906.
- (5) This information is based on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 30, 2014 by Artisan Partners Limited Partnership (APLP) reporting beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2013. The report was also filed on behalf of Artisan Investments GP LLC (Artisan Investments), Artisan Partners Holdings LP (Artisan Holdings), Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. (APAM), Artisan Investment Corporation (AIC), ZFIC, Inc. (ZFIC), Andrew A. Ziegler, Carlene M. Ziegler and Artisan Partners Funds, Inc. (Artisan Funds). APLP is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Artisan Funds is an investment company under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act. Artisan Holdings is the sole limited partner of Artisan Partners and the sole member of Artisan Investments; APAM is the general partner of Artisan Holdings; AIC is a control person of APAM; ZFIC is the sole stockholder of AIC; Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are the principal stockholders of ZFIC. The report states that the shares reported therein were acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of APLP. Persons other than APLP are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares. The holder reported that it has shared voting power over 2,412,025 shares, and shared dispositive power over all of the shares. The holder s address is 875 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
- (6) Includes phantom stock units credited to the accounts of directors who participate in the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, described under the heading *Director Compensation* that may be acquired, in certain circumstances, within 60 days. The number of units credited to each director participating in this plan that may be acquired within 60 days is as follows:

Thomas W. Handley 15,166 Dante C. Parrini