



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4561

February 9, 2012

Matthew J. Maletta  
Allergan, Inc.  
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Re: Allergan, Inc.  
Incoming letter dated January 27, 2012

Dear Mr. Maletta:

This is in response to your letter dated January 27, 2012 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted to Allergan by John Chevedden. We also have received a letter from the proponent dated January 27, 2012. On January 25, 2012, we issued our response expressing our informal view that, unless the proponent provided Allergan with appropriate documentary support of ownership within seven calendar days of receiving our response, Allergan could exclude the proposal from its proxy materials for its upcoming annual meeting. You have asked us to reconsider our position.

After reviewing the information contained in your letter, we find no basis to reconsider our position.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Kim  
Chief Counsel &  
Associate Director

cc: John Chevedden

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January 27, 2012

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Chief Counsel  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Attn: Louis Rambo

Re: Allergan, Inc.  
Response to Staff Letter dated January 25, 2012

Mr. Rambo:

Allergan, Inc. (the “Company”) is in receipt of the letter (the “Staff Letter”) from the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the “Staff”) dated January 25, 2012. The Staff Letter indicates that the Staff will not recommend enforcement to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) if the Company omits a shareholder proposal (the “Proposal”) submitted by John Chevedden (the “Proponent”) from the Company’s proxy materials in reliance on Rules 14a-8(b) and 14a-8(f). The Staff conditioned this no-action position upon the Proponent’s failure to provide documentary support of ownership within the prescribed time period. Based upon the unique facts and circumstances applicable here, the Company respectfully submits that no-action relief is nonetheless appropriate and, for the reasons described herein, the Company hereby respectfully requests that the Staff confirm that it will not recommend enforcement to the Commission if the Company omits the Proposal from the Company’s proxy materials in reliance on Rules 14a-8(b) and 14a-8(f).

#### **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Proponent has failed to meet his obligations under Rule 14a-8 and Staff Legal Bulletin 14F (October 18, 2011) (“SLB 14F”). The Company provided the Proponent with a timely letter (the “Deficiency Letter”), including all information required by Rule 14a-8(f), SLB 14F and the Staff Letter.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Company has verified that the Proponent was aware of the proof of ownership requirement contained in SLB 14F *prior to* his receipt of the Deficiency Letter. Not only was the Proponent aware of SLB 14F, but he obtained a letter to validate his ownership in compliance with SLB 14F and Rule 14a-8(f) *three* days after receiving the Deficiency Letter, but then failed to deliver that letter for 76 days — 65 days after his 14-day response deadline lapsed. Based on an analysis of all facts now-available, the Company respectfully requests final and unconditional no-action relief.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Company’s no-action request submitted to the Staff on December 1, 2011, together with all correspondence, including the Deficiency Letter, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## II. BASIS FOR EXCLUSION

### A. The Proponent Possessed a Clear Understanding of the Guidance Contained in SLB 14F and Failed to Timely Deliver Adequate Proof of Ownership

The Proponent suggests that he was not aware of the guidance contained in SLB 14F prior to the expiration of his 14-day response period and, therefore, was unable to provide proof of ownership consistent with SLB 14F. This is simply not true.

The Company delivered the Deficiency Letter to the Proponent on November 7, 2011. As recorded on the Commission's website, the Proponent had already received a full copy of SLB 14F in a letter dated November 1, 2011 (the "Lockheed Letter"), in response to which the Proponent produced conforming proof of ownership on November 4, 2011.<sup>2</sup> Although SLB 14F does not require the provision of a copy of SLB 14F as a precondition to receiving no-action relief, the Lockheed Letter indicates that the Proponent not only received a copy of SLB 14F, but also promptly complied therewith. This conclusively proves that the Proponent was fully aware of, and able to comply with, the guidance contained in SLB 14F prior to receiving the Deficiency Letter.

Moreover, on January 25, 2012, the Proponent delivered a letter dated *November 10, 2011* (the "Broker Letter"), from The Northern Trust Company, a DTC participant, to prove his ownership in compliance with Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) and SLB 14F. The November 10, 2011 date of the Broker Letter proves three important points: (1) the Proponent understood immediately upon receipt of the Deficiency Letter how to determine the identity of the DTC participant that was the "record" holder of his shares and how to obtain conforming proof of ownership; (2) the Proponent received the Broker Letter from his record holder three days after receipt of the Deficiency Letter and 11 days prior to the expiration of the 14-day response period under Rule 14a-8(f); and (3) the Proponent inexplicably failed to timely deliver the Broker Letter to the Company as required by Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) and Rule 14a-8(f).

The Proponent is an experienced and sophisticated sponsor of shareholder proposals who clearly understood the guidance contained in SLB 14F in early November 2011, despite repeatedly suggesting to the contrary in a carefully worded letter-writing campaign.<sup>3</sup> The Proponent had, in fact, obtained proper proof of ownership under SLB 14F prior to submitting letters to the Staff on December 1, 2011, December 30, 2011 and January 9, 2012. Accordingly, we respectfully submit that the present facts and circumstances do not warrant the Staff's grant of leniency to the Proponent.

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<sup>2</sup> See Lockheed Martin Corporation no-action ruling dated January 12, 2012 and related correspondence, attached hereto as Exhibit B and available at <http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cf-noaction/14a8/2012/johnchevedden011212-14a8.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> In the past two years, the Proponent has participated in over 240 shareholder proposals. See *2011 Proponent Ranking*, January 5, 2012, [https://www.sharkrepellent.net/request?an=dt.getPage&st=undefined&pg=/pub/rs\\_20120105.html&2011\\_Proponent\\_Ranking&rnd=59472](https://www.sharkrepellent.net/request?an=dt.getPage&st=undefined&pg=/pub/rs_20120105.html&2011_Proponent_Ranking&rnd=59472). The Proponent has also appeared *pro se* in federal court in two litigation matters related to the precise issue in question under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). See SLB 14F note 7 (citing *KBR Inc. v. Chevedden*, Civil Action No. H-11-0196, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36431, 2011 WL 1463611 (S.D. Tex. Apr. 4, 2011); *Apache Corp. v. Chevedden*, 696 F. Supp. 2d 723 (S.D. Tex. 2010)).

**B. The Deficiency Letter Described the Proponent's Required Proof of Ownership in a Manner Consistent with the Guidance Contained in SLB 14F and the Staff Letter**

SLB 14F states that the Staff “will grant no-action relief to a company on the basis that the shareholder’s proof of ownership is not from a DTC participant only if the company’s notice of defect describes the required proof of ownership *in a manner that is consistent with the guidance contained in this bulletin*” (emphasis added). Specifically, SLB 14F provides that only DTC participants are viewed as “record” holders under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i).

In the Deficiency Letter delivered by the Company to the Proponent on November 7, 2011, the Company explained to the Proponent that SLB 14F requires proof of ownership from a DTC participant. The Deficiency Letter describes the required proof of ownership in a manner consistent with the guidance in SLB 14F, by stating:

SEC Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F (October 18, 2011) provides that only Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) participants are viewed as “record” holders of securities for Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) purposes. Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant and, accordingly, the written statement dated November 2, 2011 provided by Ram Trust Services does not satisfy the proof of ownership verification requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i).

The Deficiency Letter is written in plain English to a sophisticated proponent of Rule 14a-8 proposals to inform the Proponent that he has failed to provide the required proof of ownership from a DTC participant and therefore has not satisfied the proof of ownership verification requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). Through the statement above, the Company explained the requirements of SLB 14F to the Proponent and also provided specific references to the applicable bulletin and rule. By timely delivery of the Deficiency Letter, the Company respectfully submits that it complied with the notice required by SLB 14F because:

- the Deficiency Letter to the Proponent expressly referenced SLB 14F, which is readily available online and, as clearly demonstrated above, the Proponent already had SLB 14F in his possession;
- the Proponent did not need to determine whether his broker or bank was a DTC participant because the Deficiency Letter clearly informed the Proponent that “Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant”; and
- the Deficiency Letter informed the Proponent about the required proof of ownership by stating that the Proponent must have “a written statement from the ‘record’ holder of the securities (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the stockholder continuously held the shares for at least one year” and that the “record” holder must be a DTC participant.

Accordingly, pursuant to the terms of SLB 14F and in accordance with the Staff Letter, the Company respectfully submits that it may appropriately omit the Proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on Rules 14a-8(b) and 14a-8(f).

**III. CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing analysis, the Company respectfully requests that the Staff confirm that it will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if the Company omits the Proposal from the Company's proxy materials in reliance on Rules 14a-8(b) and 14a-8(f).

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 246-5185 or via email at [maletta\\_matthew@allergan.com](mailto:maletta_matthew@allergan.com). Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by return email. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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**EXHIBIT A**

**Company No-Action Request (December 1, 2011)**



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December 1, 2011

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
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**Re: Allergan, Inc. — Notice of Intent to Omit Stockholder Proposal from Proxy Materials and Request for No-Action Ruling**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that Allergan, Inc. (the “Company”) intends to omit from its proxy statement and form of proxy for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (collectively, the “2012 Proxy Materials”) a stockholder proposal (the “Proposal”) and statements in support thereof submitted by John Chevedden (the “Proponent”) pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(j), we have:

- filed this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) no later than 80 calendar days before the Company intends to file its definitive 2012 Proxy Materials with the Commission; and
- concurrently sent copies of this correspondence to the Proponent.

In accordance with Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14D (November 7, 2008) (“SLB 14D”), we are emailing this letter and its attachments to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the “Staff”) at [shareholderproposals@sec.gov](mailto:shareholderproposals@sec.gov).

Rule 14a-8(k) and SLB 14D provide that stockholder proponents are required to send companies a copy of any correspondence that the proponents elect to submit to the Commission or the Staff. Accordingly, the Company takes this opportunity to inform the Proponent that if the Proponent elects to submit additional correspondence to the Commission or the Staff with respect to this Proposal, a copy of that correspondence should concurrently be furnished to the undersigned on behalf of the Company pursuant to Rule 14a-8(k) and SLB 14D.

## **I. THE PROPOSAL**

The Proposal is captioned "Special Shareowner Meetings" and requests that the Company "amend [its] bylaws and each appropriate governing document to give holders of 10% of [its] outstanding common stock (or lowest percentage permitted by law above 10%) the power to call a special shareowner meeting." A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

The Company received the Proposal via email on November 2, 2011, accompanied by a cover letter from the Proponent, dated November 2, 2011, and a letter from Ram Trust Services, dated November 2, 2011 (the "Broker Letter," and together with the Proposal and the above-referenced cover letter, the "Proponent Mailing"), stating that "Mr. John Chevedden has continuously held no less than 90 shares of Allergan, Inc. (AGN) common stock, CUSIP 018490102, since at least November 7, 2008." The Broker Letter further states that Ram Trust Services holds the Proponent's shares "through The Northern Trust Company in an account under the name Ram Trust Services." A copy of the Proponent Mailing attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The Company has confirmed that the Proponent is not a shareholder of record. On November 7, 2011, in accordance with Rule 14a-8(f)(1), the Company sent a letter (the "Deficiency Letter") via email and Federal Express to the Proponent requesting a written statement from the "record" holder of the Proponent's shares verifying that, at the time the Proposal was submitted, the Proponent held the shares of the Company's stock for at least one year. The Deficiency Letter also advised the Proponent that pursuant to Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F (October 18, 2011) ("SLB 14F"), only Depository Trust Company ("DTC") participants are viewed as "record" holders for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) and that Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant, and therefore, the Broker Letter does not satisfy the proof of ownership verification requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). The Deficiency Letter further advised the Proponent that such written statement must be submitted to the Company within 14 days of the Proponent's receipt of the Deficiency Letter. A copy of the Deficiency Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The Company has not received any further correspondence from the Proponent. Consequently, the Proponent failed to respond within the 14-day response deadline, as required by Rule 14a-8(f)(1).

### **III. BASIS FOR EXCLUSION**

#### **Rule 14a-8(f)(1) and Rule 14a-8(b)(2) – The Proposal May be Excluded Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(f)(1) Because the Proponent Failed to Supply a Written Statement from the Record Holder of the Proponent’s Shares Pursuant to Rule 14a-8(b)(2).**

Rule 14a-8(b)(2) provides that in submitting a proposal, if a shareholder is not a registered holder of the securities, he or she must provide proof of beneficial ownership of the securities to the company in one of two ways. The first manner of proof is to submit to the company a written statement from the “record” holder of his or her securities verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the shareholder continuously held the securities for at least one year. The second manner of proof is to submit to the company a copy of a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 and or Form 5, or amendments to those documents or updated forms, filed with the Commission reflecting ownership of the securities for the one-year period as of the date of the statement. Under Rule 14a-8(f)(1), a company may exclude a shareholder proposal if the proponent fails to provide evidence that it meets the eligibility requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(2), provided that the company timely notifies the proponent of the deficiency and the proponent fails to correct the deficiency within the required time.

The Broker Letter fails to satisfy the requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). Pursuant to the rule, the Proponent is required to submit a written statement from the “record” holder of the Proponent’s shares, verifying the Proponent’s continuous ownership of at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the Company’s securities entitled to be voted on the Proposal from November 2, 2010 (one year prior to the date of submission) through November 2, 2011 (the date of submission). SLB 14F specifically states that the Staff “will take the view going forward that, for Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) purposes, only DTC participants should be viewed as ‘record’ holders of securities that are deposited at DTC.”

The Broker Letter is not a written statement by a “record” holder of the Proponent’s shares because Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant. The Broker Letter affirmatively states that Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant, but rather is a “Maine chartered non-depository trust company.” Pursuant to the Staff’s guidance in Section B.3 of SLB 14F, in the event that the Proponent’s broker is not on the DTC participant list, the Proponent “will need to obtain proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the securities are held,” which at the very least should be a letter “from the DTC participant confirming the broker or bank’s ownership [of the shares of the Company’s common stock].” The Broker Letter includes a representation that Ram Trust Services holds the Proponent’s shares through The Northern Trust Company, which is a DTC participant. However, the Proponent has not provided a written statement from The Northern Trust Company verifying Ram Trust Services’ ownership of any shares of the Company’s common stock for the one-year period ending November 2, 2011.

Section B.3 of SLB 14F states that the Staff “will grant no-action relief to a company on the basis that the shareholder’s proof of ownership is not from a DTC participant only if the company’s notice of defect describes the required proof of ownership in a manner that is consistent with the guidance contained in this bulletin.” The Deficiency Letter provided by the Company to the Proponent did describe the required proof of ownership in a manner consistent with the guidance of SLB 14F. Specifically, the Deficiency Letter informed the Proponent (i) of the existence of SLB 14F, (ii) of the Staff’s guidance in SLB 14F that only DTC participants are viewed as “record” holders for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i), (iii) that Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant and (iv) that the Broker Letter did not satisfy the proof of ownership verification requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i).

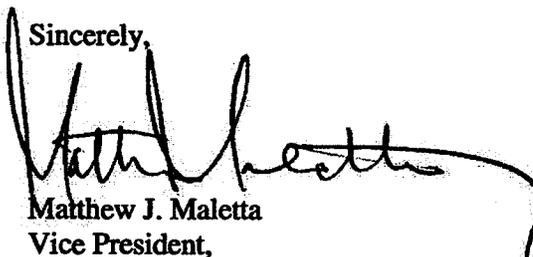
Any further verification the Proponent might now submit would be untimely under the Commission’s rules. Therefore, the Proposal is excludable pursuant to Rule 14a-8(f) because the Proponent failed to remedy the eligibility deficiency on a timely basis after notification by the Company.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing analysis, the Company hereby respectfully requests that the Staff confirm that it will not recommend enforcement action if the Proposal is excluded from the Company’s 2012 Proxy Materials. We would be happy to provide any additional information and answer any questions that the Staff may have regarding this submission.

If we can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 246-5185 or via email at [maletta\\_matthew@allergan.com](mailto:maletta_matthew@allergan.com). Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by return electronic mail. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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(enclosures)

**Exhibit A**

**Proposal**

[AGN: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, November 2, 2011]

**3\* – Special Shareowner Meetings**

RESOLVED, Shareowners ask our board to take the steps necessary unilaterally (to the fullest extent permitted by law) to amend our bylaws and each appropriate governing document to give holders of 10% of our outstanding common stock (or the lowest percentage permitted by law above 10%) the power to call a special shareowner meeting.

This includes that such bylaw and/or charter text will not have any exclusionary or prohibitive language in regard to calling a special meeting that apply only to shareowners but not to management and/or the board (to the fullest extent permitted by law).

Special meetings allow shareowners to vote on important matters, such as electing new directors that can arise between annual meetings. Shareowner input on the timing of shareowner meetings is especially important when events unfold quickly and issues may become moot by the next annual meeting. This proposal does not impact our board's current power to call a special meeting.

This proposal topic won more than 60% support at CVS, Sprint and Safeway.

The merit of this Special Shareowner Meeting proposal should also be considered in the context of the opportunity for additional improvement in our company's 2011 reported corporate governance status in order to more fully realize our company's potential:

The Corporate Library [www.thecorporatelibrary.com](http://www.thecorporatelibrary.com), an independent investment research firm, said our company had ongoing executive pay issues. Our CEO's base salary far exceeded the limit for Section 162(m) deductibility. Base salary is the building block for the amount of executive incentive pay. Long-term incentive pay consisted primarily of market-priced stock options that simply vest upon the passage of time.

Our CEO received 422,000 options with a grant date value of \$8 million. To be effective, the equity given for long-term incentives should include performance-vesting features. Moreover, our market-priced stock options can provide rewards due to a rising market alone, regardless of executive performance.

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We had no shareholder right to act by written consent or to call a special meeting, no cumulative voting, no independent Board Chairman, no Lead Director and no shareholder opportunity to fill board vacancies.

Adopting this proposal would be a strong statement that our company is committed to a step forward in good corporate governance.

Please encourage our board to respond positively to this proposal to initiate improved corporate governance and financial performance: **Special Shareowner Meetings – Yes on 3.\***

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This proposal is believed to conform with Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14B (CF), September 15, 2004 including (emphasis added):

Accordingly, going forward, we believe that it would not be appropriate for companies to exclude supporting statement language and/or an entire proposal in reliance on rule 14a-8(l)(3) in the following circumstances:

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See also: Sun Microsystems, Inc. (July 21, 2005).

Stock will be held until after the annual meeting and the proposal will be presented at the annual meeting. Please acknowledge this proposal promptly by email.

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**Exhibit B**

**Proponent Mailing**

JOHN CHEVEDDEN

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Mr. David E.I. Pyott  
Chairman of the Board  
Allergan, Inc. (AGN)  
2525 Dupont Dr  
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Dear Mr. Pyott,

I purchased stock in our company because I believed our company had unrealized potential. I believe some of this unrealized potential can be unlocked by making our corporate governance more competitive.

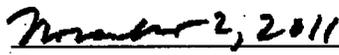
This Rule 14a-8 proposal is respectfully submitted in support of the long-term performance of our company. This proposal is submitted for the next annual shareholder meeting. Rule 14a-8 requirements will be met including the continuous ownership of the required stock value until after the date of the respective shareholder meeting and presentation of the proposal at the annual meeting. This submitted format, with the shareholder-supplied emphasis, is intended to be used for definitive proxy publication.

In the interest of company cost savings and improving the efficiency of the rule 14a-8 process please communicate via email to ~~to~~ ISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Your consideration and the consideration of the Board of Directors is appreciated in support of the long-term performance of our company. Please acknowledge receipt of this proposal promptly by email to ~~to~~ ISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Sincerely,

  
John Chevedden

  
Date

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## RAM TRUST SERVICES

November 2, 2011

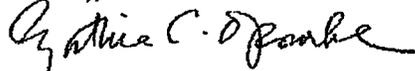
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To Whom It May Concern,

Ram Trust Services is a Maine chartered non-depository trust company. Through us, Mr. John Chevedden has continuously held no less than 90 shares of Allergan Inc. (AGN) common stock, CUSIP 018490102, since at least November 7, 2008. We in turn hold those shares through The Northern Trust Company in an account under the name Ram Trust Services.

Sincerely,



Cynthia O'Rourke  
Sr. Portfolio Manager

**Exhibit C**

**Deficiency Letter**

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**VIA EMAIL** SMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

November 7, 2011

Mr. John Chevedden

\*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Re: Rule 14a-8 Proposal

Dear Mr. Chevedden:

I am in receipt of the Rule 14a-8 proposal submitted by you for inclusion in Allergan, Inc.'s 2012 proxy statement. This notice is to inform you that Allergan has not received verification of eligibility and has not been able to establish your eligibility to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). You have an opportunity to cure the deficiency as described below.

In order to submit a proposal, Rule 14a-8(b) requires the stockholder to have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date the stockholder submits the proposal. Rule 14a-8(b)(2) requires, among other things, the submission of (i) a written statement from the "record" holder of the securities (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the stockholder continuously held the shares for at least one year, or (ii) a copy of a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 and or Form 5, or amendments to those documents or updated forms, filed with the SEC reflecting ownership of the shares as of or before the one-year eligibility period.

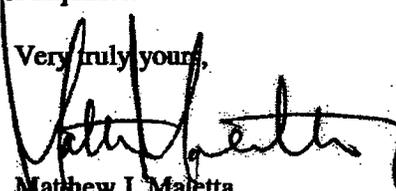
SEC Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F (October 18, 2011) provides that only Depository Trust Company ("DTC") participants are viewed as "record" holders of securities for Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) purposes. Ram Trust Services is not a DTC participant and, accordingly, the written statement dated November 2, 2011 provided by Ram Trust Services does not satisfy the proof of ownership verification requirements of Rule 14a-8(b)(i).

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This letter constitutes Allergan's notification to you of the procedural deficiency in the proposal pursuant to the requirements of Rule 14a-8(f). Due to the deficiency outlined above, Allergan will exclude the proposal from its 2012 proxy statement unless the deficiency is cured and you follow the procedures set forth in Rule 14a-8(f)(1). Your response must be postmarked, or transmitted electronically, no later than 14 calendar days from the date you receive this notice. Accordingly, if no response curing the deficiency is postmarked or transmitted electronically within 14 calendar days or the response does not actually cure the deficiency, the company will exclude the proposal from the proxy materials. A copy of Rule 14a-8 has been included with this letter for further clarification.

Although your proposal will not be included in Allergan's 2012 proxy statement unless the deficiency is cured, we do appreciate your interest in our policies. Additionally, even if the procedural defect is cured, Allergan reserves the right to exclude your proposal on other grounds specified in Rule 14a-8. We are always open to a conversation about our practices and we welcome you to contact us if you have further inquiries.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

## **17 C.F.R. § 240.14a-8 Shareholder proposals.**

This section addresses when a company must include a shareholder's proposal in its proxy statement and identify the proposal in its form of proxy when the company holds an annual or special meeting of shareholders. In summary, in order to have your shareholder proposal included on a company's proxy card, and included along with any supporting statement in its proxy statement, you must be eligible and follow certain procedures. Under a few specific circumstances, the company is permitted to exclude your proposal, but only after submitting its reasons to the Commission. We structured this section in a question-and-answer format so that it is easier to understand. The references to "you" are to a shareholder seeking to submit the proposal.

(a) *Question 1: What is a proposal?* A shareholder proposal is your recommendation or requirement that the company and/or its board of directors take action, which you intend to present at a meeting of the company's shareholders. Your proposal should state as clearly as possible the course of action that you believe the company should follow. If your proposal is placed on the company's proxy card, the company must also provide in the form of proxy means for shareholders to specify by boxes a choice between approval or disapproval, or abstention. Unless otherwise indicated, the word "proposal" as used in this section refers both to your proposal, and to your corresponding statement in support of your proposal (if any).

(b) *Question 2: Who is eligible to submit a proposal, and how do I demonstrate to the company that I am eligible?* (1) In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, you must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal. You must continue to hold those securities through the date of the meeting.

(2) If you are the registered holder of your securities, which means that your name appears in the company's records as a shareholder, the company can verify your eligibility on its own, although you will still have to provide the company with a written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders. However, if like many shareholders you are not a registered holder, the company likely does not know that you are a shareholder, or how many shares you own. In this case, at the time you submit your proposal, you must prove your eligibility to the company in one of two ways:

(i) The first way is to submit to the company a written statement from the "record" holder of your securities (usually a broker or bank) verifying that, at the time you submitted your proposal, you continuously held the securities for at least one year. You must also include your own written statement that you intend to continue to hold the securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders; or

(ii) The second way to prove ownership applies only if you have filed a Schedule 13D (§240.13d-101), Schedule 13G (§240.13d-102), Form 3 (§249.103 of this chapter), Form 4 (§249.104 of this chapter) and/or Form 5 (§249.105 of this chapter), or amendments to those documents or updated forms, reflecting your ownership of the shares as of or before the date on which the one-year eligibility period begins. If you have filed one of these documents with the SEC, you may demonstrate your eligibility by submitting to the company:

(A) A copy of the schedule and/or form, and any subsequent amendments reporting a change in your ownership level;

(B) Your written statement that you continuously held the required number of shares for the one-year period as of the date of the statement; and

(C) Your written statement that you intend to continue ownership of the shares through the date of the company's annual or special meeting.

(c) *Question 3: How many proposals may I submit?* Each shareholder may submit no more than one proposal to a company for a particular shareholders' meeting.

(d) *Question 4: How long can my proposal be?* The proposal, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words.

(e) **Question 5:** What is the deadline for submitting a proposal? (1) If you are submitting your proposal for the company's annual meeting, you can in most cases find the deadline in last year's proxy statement. However, if the company did not hold an annual meeting last year, or has changed the date of its meeting for this year more than 30 days from last year's meeting, you can usually find the deadline in one of the company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q (§249.308a of this chapter), or in shareholder reports of investment companies under §270.30d-1 of this chapter of the Investment Company Act of 1940. In order to avoid controversy, shareholders should submit their proposals by means, including electronic means, that permit them to prove the date of delivery.

(2) The deadline is calculated in the following manner if the proposal is submitted for a regularly scheduled annual meeting. The proposal must be received at the company's principal executive offices not less than 120 calendar days before the date of the company's proxy statement released to shareholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. However, if the company did not hold an annual meeting the previous year, or if the date of this year's annual meeting has been changed by more than 30 days from the date of the previous year's meeting, then the deadline is a reasonable time before the company begins to print and send its proxy materials.

(3) If you are submitting your proposal for a meeting of shareholders other than a regularly scheduled annual meeting, the deadline is a reasonable time before the company begins to print and send its proxy materials.

(f) **Question 6:** What if I fail to follow one of the eligibility or procedural requirements explained in answers to Questions 1 through 4 of this section? (1) The company may exclude your proposal, but only after it has notified you of the problem, and you have failed adequately to correct it. Within 14 calendar days of receiving your proposal, the company must notify you in writing of any procedural or eligibility deficiencies, as well as of the time frame for your response. Your response must be postmarked, or transmitted electronically, no later than 14 days from the date you received the company's notification. A company need not provide you such notice of a deficiency if the deficiency cannot be remedied, such as if you fail to submit a proposal by the company's properly determined deadline. If the company intends to exclude the proposal, it will later have to make a submission under §240.14a-8 and provide you with a copy under Question 10 below, §240.14a-8(j).

(2) If you fail in your promise to hold the required number of securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders, then the company will be permitted to exclude all of your proposals from its proxy materials for any meeting held in the following two calendar years.

(g) **Question 7:** Who has the burden of persuading the Commission or its staff that my proposal can be excluded? Except as otherwise noted, the burden is on the company to demonstrate that it is entitled to exclude a proposal.

(h) **Question 8:** Must I appear personally at the shareholders' meeting to present the proposal? (1) Either you, or your representative who is qualified under state law to present the proposal on your behalf, must attend the meeting to present the proposal. Whether you attend the meeting yourself or send a qualified representative to the meeting in your place, you should make sure that you, or your representative, follow the proper state law procedures for attending the meeting and/or presenting your proposal.

(2) If the company holds its shareholder meeting in whole or in part via electronic media, and the company permits you or your representative to present your proposal via such media, then you may appear through electronic media rather than traveling to the meeting to appear in person.

(3) If you or your qualified representative fail to appear and present the proposal, without good cause, the company will be permitted to exclude all of your proposals from its proxy materials for any meetings held in the following two calendar years.

(i) **Question 9:** If I have complied with the procedural requirements, on what other bases may a company rely to exclude my proposal? (1) Improper under state law: If the proposal is not a proper subject for action by shareholders under the laws of the jurisdiction of the company's organization;

(2) **Violation of law:** If the proposal would, if implemented, cause the company to violate any state, federal, or foreign law to which it is subject;

(3) **Violation of proxy rules:** If the proposal or supporting statement is contrary to any of the Commission's proxy rules, including §240.14a-9, which prohibits materially false or misleading statements in proxy soliciting materials;

(4) *Personal grievance; special interest:* If the proposal relates to the redress of a personal claim or grievance against the company or any other person, or if it is designed to result in a benefit to you, or to further a personal interest, which is not shared by the other shareholders at large;

(5) *Relevance:* If the proposal relates to operations which account for less than 5 percent of the company's total assets at the end of its most recent fiscal year, and for less than 5 percent of its net earnings and gross sales for its most recent fiscal year, and is not otherwise significantly related to the company's business;

(6) *Absence of power/authority:* If the company would lack the power or authority to implement the proposal;

(7) *Management functions:* If the proposal deals with a matter relating to the company's ordinary business operations;

(8) *Director elections:* If the proposal:

(i) Would disqualify a nominee who is standing for election;

(ii) Would remove a director from office before his or her term expired;

(iii) Questions the competence, business judgment, or character of one or more nominees or directors;

(iv) Seeks to include a specific individual in the company's proxy materials for election to the board of directors; or

(v) Otherwise could affect the outcome of the upcoming election of directors.

(9) *Conflicts with company's proposal:* If the proposal directly conflicts with one of the company's own proposals to be submitted to shareholders at the same meeting;

(10) *Substantially implemented:* If the company has already substantially implemented the proposal;

(11) *Duplication:* If the proposal substantially duplicates another proposal previously submitted to the company by another proponent that will be included in the company's proxy materials for the same meeting;

(12) *Resubmissions:* If the proposal deals with substantially the same subject matter as another proposal or proposals that has or have been previously included in the company's proxy materials within the preceding 5 calendar years, a company may exclude it from its proxy materials for any meeting held within 3 calendar years of the last time it was included if the proposal received:

(i) Less than 3% of the vote if proposed once within the preceding 5 calendar years;

(ii) Less than 6% of the vote on its last submission to shareholders if proposed twice previously within the preceding 5 calendar years; or

(iii) Less than 10% of the vote on its last submission to shareholders if proposed three times or more previously within the preceding 5 calendar years; and

(13) *Specific amount of dividends:* If the proposal relates to specific amounts of cash or stock dividends.

(j) *Question 10: What procedures must the company follow if it intends to exclude my proposal? (1) If the company intends to exclude a proposal from its proxy materials, it must file its reasons with the Commission no later than 80 calendar days before it files its definitive proxy statement and form of proxy with the Commission. The company must simultaneously provide you with a copy of its submission. The Commission staff may permit the company to make its submission later than 80 days before the company files its definitive proxy statement and form of proxy, if the company demonstrates good cause for missing the deadline.*

(2) The company must file six paper copies of the following:

(i) The proposal;

(ii) An explanation of why the company believes that it may exclude the proposal, which should, if possible, refer to the most recent applicable authority, such as prior Division letters issued under the rule; and

(iii) A supporting opinion of counsel when such reasons are based on matters of state or foreign law.

(k) *Question 11: May I submit my own statement to the Commission responding to the company's arguments?*

Yes, you may submit a response, but it is not required. You should try to submit any response to us, with a copy to the company, as soon as possible after the company makes its submission. This way, the Commission staff will have time to consider fully your submission before it issues its response. You should submit six paper copies of your response.

(l) *Question 12: If the company includes my shareholder proposal in its proxy materials, what information about me must it include along with the proposal itself?*

(1) The company's proxy statement must include your name and address, as well as the number of the company's voting securities that you hold. However, instead of providing that information, the company may instead include a statement that it will provide the information to shareholders promptly upon receiving an oral or written request.

(2) The company is not responsible for the contents of your proposal or supporting statement.

(m) *Question 13: What can I do if the company includes in its proxy statement reasons why it believes shareholders should not vote in favor of my proposal, and I disagree with some of its statements?*

(1) The company may elect to include in its proxy statement reasons why it believes shareholders should vote against your proposal. The company is allowed to make arguments reflecting its own point of view, just as you may express your own point of view in your proposal's supporting statement.

(2) However, if you believe that the company's opposition to your proposal contains materially false or misleading statements that may violate our anti-fraud rule, §240.14a-9, you should promptly send to the Commission staff and the company a letter explaining the reasons for your view, along with a copy of the company's statements opposing your proposal. To the extent possible, your letter should include specific factual information demonstrating the inaccuracy of the company's claims. Time permitting, you may wish to try to work out your differences with the company by yourself before contacting the Commission staff.

(3) We require the company to send you a copy of its statements opposing your proposal before it sends its proxy materials, so that you may bring to our attention any materially false or misleading statements, under the following timeframes:

(i) If our no-action response requires that you make revisions to your proposal or supporting statement as a condition to requiring the company to include it in its proxy materials, then the company must provide you with a copy of its opposition statements no later than 5 calendar days after the company receives a copy of your revised proposal; or

(ii) In all other cases, the company must provide you with a copy of its opposition statements no later than 30 calendar days before it files definitive copies of its proxy statement and form of proxy under §240.14a-6.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Lockheed Martin Corporation No-Action Ruling (January 21, 2012)**



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4561

January 12, 2012

David A. Dedman  
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Re: Lockheed Martin Corporation  
Incoming letter dated December 19, 2011

Dear Mr. Dedman:

This is in response to your letters dated December 19, 2011 and January 11, 2012 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted to Lockheed Martin by John Chevedden. We also have received a letter from the proponent dated December 30, 2011. Copies of all of the correspondence on which this response is based will be made available on our website at <http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cf-noaction/14a-8.shtml>. For your reference, a brief discussion of the Division's informal procedures regarding shareholder proposals is also available at the same website address.

Sincerely,

Ted Yu  
Senior Special Counsel

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cc: John Chevedden

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January 12, 2012

**Response of the Office of Chief Counsel  
Division of Corporation Finance**

Re: Lockheed Martin Corporation  
Incoming letter dated December 19, 2011

The proposal requests that the board of directors adopt a policy that, whenever possible, the chairman be an independent director who has not previously served as an executive officer of the company.

There appears to be some basis for your view that Lockheed Martin may exclude the proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(11). We note that the proposal is substantially duplicative of a previously submitted proposal that will be included in Lockheed Martin's 2012 proxy materials. Accordingly, we will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if Lockheed Martin omits the proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(11).

Sincerely,

Matt S. McNair  
Attorney-Adviser

**DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE  
INFORMAL PROCEDURES REGARDING SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS**

The Division of Corporation Finance believes that its responsibility with respect to matters arising under Rule 14a-8 [17 CFR 240.14a-8], as with other matters under the proxy rules, is to aid those who must comply with the rule by offering informal advice and suggestions and to determine, initially, whether or not it may be appropriate in a particular matter to recommend enforcement action to the Commission. In connection with a shareholder proposal under Rule 14a-8, the Division's staff considers the information furnished to it by the Company in support of its intention to exclude the proposals from the Company's proxy materials, as well as any information furnished by the proponent or the proponent's representative.

Although Rule 14a-8(k) does not require any communications from shareholders to the Commission's staff, the staff will always consider information concerning alleged violations of the statutes administered by the Commission, including argument as to whether or not activities proposed to be taken would be violative of the statute or rule involved. The receipt by the staff of such information, however, should not be construed as changing the staff's informal procedures and proxy review into a formal or adversary procedure.

It is important to note that the staff's and Commission's no-action responses to Rule 14a-8(j) submissions reflect only informal views. The determinations reached in these no-action letters do not and cannot adjudicate the merits of a company's position with respect to the proposal. Only a court such as a U.S. District Court can decide whether a company is obligated to include shareholder proposals in its proxy materials. Accordingly a discretionary determination not to recommend or take Commission enforcement action, does not preclude a proponent, or any shareholder of a company, from pursuing any rights he or she may have against the company in court, should the management omit the proposal from the company's proxy material.

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**Re: Lockheed Martin Corporation: Stockholder Proposal of John D. Chevedden**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our letter dated December 19, 2011 regarding a stockholder proposal from John D. Chevedden and a related response letter from Mr. Chevedden dated December 30, 2011, copies of which are enclosed for your convenience. Although not expressly stated in our December 19, 2011 letter, Lockheed Martin Corporation intends to, and hereby confirms that it will, notify the Staff promptly if the other proponent withdraws its proposal, notifies us that it has sold its stock, or if such proposal is no longer intended to be included in the proxy statement.

For the reasons set forth in our December 19, 2011 letter, Lockheed Martin respectfully requests that the Staff concur in the view that Mr. Chevedden's proposal may be excluded from its 2012 Proxy Statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(11), and respectfully requests that the Staff confirm that it will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if Lockheed Martin excludes the proposal. If the Staff desires further information, please contact me at (301) 897-6177 or david.dedman@lmco.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President & Associate General  
Counsel

cc: John D. Chevedden

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**JOHN CHEVEDDEN**

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December 30, 2011

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**# 1 Rule 14a-8 Proposal**  
**Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMT)**  
**Independent Board Chairman Topic**  
**John Chevedden**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This responds to the December 19, 2011 company request to avoid this established rule 14a-8 proposal.

There is nothing in the company letter pledging that the company will notify the Staff promptly if the other proponent withdraws his proposal, sells his stock or such proposal is no longer intended to be included in the proxy statement.

Sincerely,

  
John Chevedden

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**Re: Lockheed Martin Corporation: Stockholder Proposal of John D. Chevedden**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On October 19, 2011, Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed Martin") received a stockholder proposal (together with the supporting statement, the "Initial Proposal") from John D. Chevedden (the "Proponent") for inclusion in the proxy statement to be distributed by Lockheed Martin in connection with its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2012 Proxy Statement"). On November 1, 2011, Lockheed Martin sent a letter to the Proponent identifying certain deficiencies in the Initial Proposal under Rule 14a-8. On November 4, 2011, the Proponent submitted additional documentary support relating to his ownership of shares of Lockheed Martin Corporation stock. On November 12, 2011, Lockheed Martin received a revised stockholder proposal dated November 11, 2011 (together with the supporting statement, the "Revised Proposal") from the Proponent. On November 15, 2011, Lockheed Martin received correspondence from the Proponent confirming that the Revised Proposal was intended to replace the Initial Proposal and that the Revised Proposal is the proposal that the Proponent intends to submit for inclusion in the 2012 Proxy Statement. The relevant correspondence to date with the Proponent, including the Revised Proposal, is included in Exhibit A.

Lockheed Martin hereby notifies the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and the Proponent that Lockheed Martin intends to exclude the Revised Proposal from its 2012 Proxy Statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated by the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). We hereby respectfully request that the Staff confirm that it concurs in Lockheed Martin's view that it may properly exclude the Proposal from its proxy materials, and will not recommend any enforcement action to the Commission if Lockheed Martin does so.

In accordance with Rule 14a-8(j) and Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14D (November 7, 2008), this letter is being submitted to the Commission via e-mail in lieu of mailing paper copies no

later than 80 calendar days before the date Lockheed Martin intends to release its definitive proxy materials for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Lockheed Martin concurrently is sending a copy by e-mail to the Proponent.

## **THE PROPOSAL**

The text of the resolution contained in the Revised Proposal is as follows:

**"RESOLVED:** Shareholders request that our board of directors adopt a policy that, whenever possible, the chairman of our board of directors shall be an independent director (by the standard of the New York Stock Exchange), who has not previously served as an executive officer of our Company. This policy should be implemented so as not to violate any contractual obligations in effect when this resolution is adopted. The policy should also specify how to select a new independent chairman if a current chairman ceases to be independent between annual shareholder meetings."

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR EXCLUSION**

Lockheed Martin believes that it may exclude the Revised Proposal from its 2012 Proxy Statement under Rule 14a-8(i)(11), because the Revised Proposal substantially duplicates a previously received proposal that will be included in Lockheed Martin's proxy materials for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

On October 17, 2011, prior to receiving the Revised Proposal, Lockheed Martin received a stockholder proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (together with the supporting statement, the "AFSCME Proposal") for inclusion in the 2012 Proxy Statement. The AFSCME Proposal is attached as Exhibit B. Much like the Revised Proposal, the subject of the AFSCME Proposal is the adoption of a policy addressing the independence of the company's chairman of the board and the separation of the positions of chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Lockheed Martin intends to include the AFSCME Proposal in the 2012 Proxy Statement. The text of the resolution contained in the AFSCME Proposal is as follows:

**"RESOLVED:** That stockholders of Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed Martin" or the "Company") ask the Board of Directors to adopt a policy that the Board's Chairman be an independent director according to the definition set forth in the New York Stock Exchange listing standards, unless Lockheed Martin common stock ceases being listed there and is listed on another exchange, at which point, that exchange's standard of independence should apply. If the Board determines that a Chairman who was independent when he or she was selected is no longer independent, the Board shall promptly select a new Chairman who satisfies this independence requirement. Compliance with this requirement may be excused if no director who qualifies as independent is elected by stockholders or if no independent director is willing to serve as Chairman. This independence requirement shall apply prospectively so as not to violate any Company contractual obligation at the time this resolution is adopted."

## SUPPORTING ARGUMENT

### Lockheed Martin May Exclude the Revised Proposal, Because it Substantially Duplicates the AFSCME Proposal

Rule 14a-8(i)(11) provides for the exclusion of a stockholder proposal if the proposal “substantially duplicates another proposal previously submitted to the company by another proponent that will be included in the company’s proxy materials for the same meeting.” The Commission has stated that “[t]he purpose of [Rule 14a-8(i)(11)] is to eliminate the possibility of shareholders having to consider two or more substantially identical proposals submitted to any issuer by proponents acting independently of each other.” Exchange Act Release No. 12999 (Nov. 22, 1976). Proposals do not need to be identical to be excluded pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(11). The Staff has consistently concluded that proposals may be excluded, because they are substantially duplicative when such proposals have the same “principal thrust” or “principal focus,” notwithstanding that such proposals may differ as to terms and scope. *See, e.g., Chevron Corp.* (Mar. 23, 2009); *JPMorgan Chase & Co.* (Mar. 18, 2009); and *Pacific Gas & Electric Co.* (Feb. 1, 1993).

The Revised Proposal and the AFSCME Proposal have the same focus – the independence of the chairman of the board. Both the Revised Proposal and the AFSCME Proposal are substantively identical in that they involve the adoption of a policy requiring that the chairman of the board be an independent director under the standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The differences between the two proposals are *de minimis*. For example, the AFSCME Proposal states that, if the chairman is no longer independent, the board shall select a new chairman who is independent. The Revised Proposal simply states that the policy, when adopted, shall include a provision addressing the selection of a new chairman if the current chairman ceases to be independent. Differences in the implementation mechanics of proposals that otherwise have the same thrust or focus have previously been considered by the Staff to be of no significance for purposes of Rule 14a-8(i)(11). For example, the Staff previously concluded that two shareholder proposals focused on the independence of the chairman of the board were substantially duplicative where one proposal operated by an amendment to a corporation’s bylaws and the other proposal required the adoption of a policy by the company’s board. *See, e.g., Wells Fargo & Company* (Jan. 7, 2009). In the instant case, differences in the implementation mechanics as between the two proposals are even less pronounced than those in *Wells Fargo*. Additionally, the Staff has repeatedly granted relief under Rule 14a-8(i)(11) under fact patterns that are nearly identical to those presented in this case. *See, e.g., JPMorgan Chase & Co.* (Mar. 7, 2011); *The Boeing Co.* (Feb. 1, 2010); *Honeywell International Inc.* (Jan. 19, 2010); and *The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.* (Mar. 9, 2010). Furthermore, if Lockheed Martin were to include both proposals in its 2012 Proxy Statement, it would create confusion among stockholders, because they would be asked to vote on two different proposals on the same subject matter that share the same objective.

When a company receives two substantially duplicative proposals, the Staff has indicated that the company must include in its proxy materials the proposal it received first, unless that proposal may otherwise be excluded. *See, e.g., Great Lakes Chemical Corp.* (Mar. 2, 1998); *Pacific Gas and Electric Co.* (Jan. 6, 1994); and *Atlantic Richfield Co.* (Jan. 11, 1982). Lockheed Martin received the AFSCME Proposal on October 17, 2011. Lockheed Martin did

not receive the Revised Proposal until November 12, 2011. Accordingly, Lockheed Martin believes it may properly exclude the Revised Proposal under Rule 14a-8(i)(11).

**CONCLUSION AND REQUEST**

For the reasons set forth above, Lockheed Martin respectfully requests that the Staff concur in the view that the Revised Proposal may be excluded from the 2012 Proxy Statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8(i)(11), and respectfully requests that the Staff confirm that it will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if Lockheed Martin excludes the Revised Proposal. If the Staff desires further information, please contact me at (301) 897-6177 or david.dedman@lmco.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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**Exhibit A**

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Phone: 301 897-6000

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I purchased stock in our company because I believed our company had unrealized potential. I believe some of this unrealized potential can be unlocked by making our corporate governance more competitive.

This Rule 14a-8 proposal is respectfully submitted in support of the long-term performance of our company. This proposal is submitted for the next annual shareholder meeting. Rule 14a-8 requirements will be met including the continuous ownership of the required stock value until after the date of the respective shareholder meeting and presentation of the proposal at the annual meeting. This submitted format, with the shareholder-supplied emphasis, is intended to be used for definitive proxy publication.

In the interest of company cost savings and improving the efficiency of the rule 14a-8 process please communicate via email to ~~to~~ FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Your consideration and the consideration of the Board of Directors is appreciated in support of the long-term performance of our company. Please acknowledge receipt of this proposal promptly by email to ~~to~~ FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Sincerely,

  
John Chevedden

October 19, 2011  
Date

cc: Maryanne Lavan  
Corporate Secretary  
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[LMT: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, October 19, 2011]

**3\* – Adopt Simple Majority Vote**

**RESOLVED**, Shareholders request that our board take the steps necessary so that each shareholder voting requirement in our charter and bylaws that calls for a greater than simple majority vote be changed to require a majority of the votes cast for and against the proposal, or a simple majority in compliance with applicable laws. This includes that our governing documents will be changed, if necessary, to not make use of any provision of state law that would automatically allow our company to have certain super majority voting requirements.

Corporate governance procedures and practices, and the level of accountability they impose, are closely related to financial performance. Shareowners are willing to pay a premium for shares of corporations that have excellent corporate governance. Supermajority voting requirements have been found to be one of six entrenching mechanisms that are negatively related to company performance. Source: "What Matters in Corporate Governance?" by Lucien Bebchuk, Alma Cohen and Allen Ferrell, Harvard Law School, Discussion Paper No. 491 (September 2004, revised March 2005).

This proposal topic won from 74% to 88% support at Weyerhaeuser, Alcoa, Waste Management, Goldman Sachs, FirstEnergy, McGraw-Hill and Macy's.

The merit of this Simple Majority Vote proposal should also be considered in the context of the need for additional improvement in our company's 2011 reported corporate governance status:

The Corporate Library [www.thecorporatelibrary.com](http://www.thecorporatelibrary.com), an independent investment research firm rated our company "D" with "Very High Governance Risk" and "Very High Concern" in executive pay – \$21 million for CEO Robert Stevens.

CEO Steven's annual incentive pay was mostly discretionary. Mr. Stevens also received a tax gross-up of \$200,000 and \$1 million for security. Because such pay is not directly tied to performance, it is difficult to justify in terms of shareholder value.

The bulk of CEO equity pay consisted of stock options that vest simply after time without performance-based criteria. Finally, our CEO was entitled to \$38 million in the event of a change in control. This is not in the interests of shareholders as it presents a conflict of interest by providing a strong financial incentive for Mr. Stevens to pursue such an arrangement. Director Anne Stevens received our highest negative votes arguably because she chaired our Executive Pay Committee.

Nell Minow, who chaired The Corporate Library said, "If the board can't get executive compensation right, it's been shown it won't get anything else right either."

Long-tenured Gwendolyn King, on our Ethics Committee, was also a Marsh & McLennan director when Marsh was sued by the New York State Attorney General for alleged bid rigging, price fixing, and kickbacks. In addition, the remaining two directors on our Ethics Committee are inside-related due to their employment with a consulting business that billed Lockheed \$695,000 in 2010.

Please encourage our board to respond positively to this proposal to initiate the improved governance we deserve: **Adopt Simple Majority Vote – Yes on 3.\***

**Notes:**

John Chevedden,  
proposal.

\*\*\*FISMA &amp; OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

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Please note that the title of the proposal is part of the proposal.

This proposal is believed to conform with Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14B (CF), September 15, 2004 including (emphasis added):

Accordingly, going forward, we believe that it would not be appropriate for companies to exclude supporting statement language and/or an entire proposal in reliance on rule 14a-8(l)(3) in the following circumstances:

- the company objects to factual assertions because they are not supported;
- the company objects to factual assertions that, while not materially false or misleading, may be disputed or countered;
- the company objects to factual assertions because those assertions may be interpreted by shareholders in a manner that is unfavorable to the company, its directors, or its officers; and/or
- the company objects to statements because they represent the opinion of the shareholder proponent or a referenced source, but the statements are not identified specifically as such.

***We believe that it is appropriate under rule 14a-8 for companies to address these objections in their statements of opposition.***

See also: Sun Microsystems, Inc. (July 21, 2005).

Stock will be held until after the annual meeting and the proposal will be presented at the annual meeting. Please acknowledge this proposal promptly by email FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Fidelity Institutional

Mail: P.O. Box 770001, Cincinnati, OH 45277-0045  
Office: 500 Salem Street, Smithfield, RI 02917



October 19, 2011

John R. Chevedden

Via facsimile to FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is provided at the request of Mr. John R. Chevedden, a customer of Fidelity Investments.

Please accept this letter as confirmation that according to our records Mr. Chevedden has continuously owned no less than 200 shares of Edison International (CUSIP: 281020107), 200 shares of Honeywell International Inc. (CUSIP: 438516106), 100 shares of General Dynamics Corp. (CUSIP: 369550108), 200 shares of Lockheed Martin Corp. (CUSIP: 539830109) and 100 shares of Paccar Inc. (CUSIP: 693718108) since January 1, 2010. These shares are registered in the name of National Financial Services LLC, a DTC participant (DTC number: 0226) and Fidelity Investments affiliate.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me by calling 800-800-6890 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time (Monday through Friday). Press 1 when asked if this call is a response to a letter or phone call; press \*2 to reach an individual, then enter my 5 digit extension 27937 when prompted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Stasinopoulos'.

George Stasinopoulos  
Client Services Specialist

Our File: W914240-18OCT11

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Matthew C. Dow  
Assistant General Counsel

November 1, 2011

Via Email @\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Mr. John D. Chevedden

\*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Dear Mr. Chevedden:

On October 19, 2011, we received your proposal for consideration at Lockheed Martin Corporation's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders. We also received a letter from Fidelity Investments, which was intended to demonstrate that you satisfy the minimum ownership requirements of Rule 14a-8. Based on our review of the information provided by you, our records and applicable regulations, we have been unable to conclude that the proposal meets the requirements for inclusion in Lockheed Martin's proxy materials, because (i) you have not demonstrated the minimum share ownership requirements and (ii) your submission includes two separate and distinct proposals, which is prohibited by Rule 14a-8.

As you know, in order to be eligible to include a proposal in the proxy material for Lockheed Martin's 2012 annual meeting, Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires that a stockholder must have continually held at least \$2,000 in market value or 1% of Lockheed Martin's common stock for at least one year as of the date that the proposal is submitted. The stockholder also must continue to hold those securities through the date of the meeting and must so indicate to us. You stated in your letter that you will hold the required amount of Lockheed Martin common stock until after the 2012 annual meeting.

Although you have provided us with a letter from Fidelity Investments intended to demonstrate that you satisfy the minimum ownership requirements of Rule 14a-8, the letter does not include the necessary stock ownership verification. Lockheed Martin has reviewed the list of record holders of its common stock, and neither you nor Fidelity Investments are listed as a record owner. Pursuant to Rule 14a-8, because neither you nor Fidelity Investments is a record holder of Lockheed Martin common stock, you must provide a written statement from the record holder of the shares you beneficially own verifying that you continually have held the required amount of Lockheed Martin common stock for at least one year as of the date of your submission of the proposal. As you may be aware, the Securities and Exchange Commission has recently issued new guidance that contains information regarding brokers and banks that constitute record holders under Rule 14a-8(b) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8, which may be instructive in addressing this problem with your submission (see Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F (CF), dated October 18, 2011).

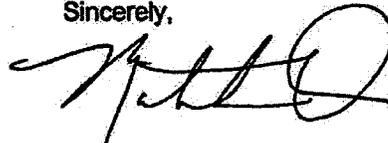
Mr. John D. Chevedden  
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Your submission also fails to satisfy the requirements of Rule 14a-8, because it contains more than one separate and distinct proposal. Rule 14a-8 permits a qualified stockholder to submit only a single proposal each year. As such, your submission must be reduced to a single proposal, in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8.

If you adequately address the problems with your submission identified in this letter, within 14 calendar days of your receipt of this letter, Lockheed Martin will then address the substance of your proposal. Lockheed Martin, however, reserves the right to raise any substantive objections it has to your proposal at a later date and the right to omit your proposal from its proxy materials on any other basis that may be available to it. We have attached to this letter a copy of Rule 14a-8 and the SEC's recent guidance to assist you in complying with these requirements.

As a valued and longstanding advocate for Lockheed Martin stockholders, your views on matters affecting our company are appreciated. Our lines of communication are open and we welcome opportunities to further explore your views. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like to discuss these matters further. Thank you for your interest in Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Sincerely,



Matthew C. Dow  
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Maryanne Lavan, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary  
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**Division of Corporation Finance  
Securities and Exchange Commission**

**Shareholder Proposals**

**Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14F (CF)**

**Action:** Publication of CF Staff Legal Bulletin

**Date:** October 18, 2011

**Summary:** This staff legal bulletin provides information for companies and shareholders regarding Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Supplementary Information:** The statements in this bulletin represent the views of the Division of Corporation Finance (the "Division"). This bulletin is not a rule, regulation or statement of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Further, the Commission has neither approved nor disapproved its content.

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**A. The purpose of this bulletin**

This bulletin is part of a continuing effort by the Division to provide guidance on important issues arising under Exchange Act Rule 14a-8. Specifically, this bulletin contains information regarding:

- Brokers and banks that constitute "record" holders under Rule 14a-8 (b)(2)(i) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8;
- Common errors shareholders can avoid when submitting proof of ownership to companies;
- The submission of revised proposals;
- Procedures for withdrawing no-action requests regarding proposals submitted by multiple proponents; and
- The Division's new process for transmitting Rule 14a-8 no-action responses by email.

You can find additional guidance regarding Rule 14a-8 in the following

bulletins that are available on the Commission's website: SLB No. 14, SLB No. 14A, SLB No. 14B, SLB No. 14C, SLB No. 14D and SLB No. 14E.

**B. The types of brokers and banks that constitute "record" holders under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8**

**1. Eligibility to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8**

To be eligible to submit a shareholder proposal, a shareholder must have continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the shareholder meeting for at least one year as of the date the shareholder submits the proposal. The shareholder must also continue to hold the required amount of securities through the date of the meeting and must provide the company with a written statement of intent to do so.<sup>1</sup>

The steps that a shareholder must take to verify his or her eligibility to submit a proposal depend on how the shareholder owns the securities. There are two types of security holders in the U.S.: registered owners and beneficial owners.<sup>2</sup> Registered owners have a direct relationship with the issuer because their ownership of shares is listed on the records maintained by the issuer or its transfer agent. If a shareholder is a registered owner, the company can independently confirm that the shareholder's holdings satisfy Rule 14a-8(b)'s eligibility requirement.

The vast majority of investors in shares issued by U.S. companies, however, are beneficial owners, which means that they hold their securities in book-entry form through a securities intermediary, such as a broker or a bank. Beneficial owners are sometimes referred to as "street name" holders. Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) provides that a beneficial owner can provide proof of ownership to support his or her eligibility to submit a proposal by submitting a written statement "from the 'record' holder of [the] securities (usually a broker or bank)," verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the shareholder held the required amount of securities continuously for at least one year.<sup>3</sup>

**2. The role of the Depository Trust Company**

Most large U.S. brokers and banks deposit their customers' securities with, and hold those securities through, the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), a registered clearing agency acting as a securities depository. Such brokers and banks are often referred to as "participants" in DTC.<sup>4</sup> The names of these DTC participants, however, do not appear as the registered owners of the securities deposited with DTC on the list of shareholders maintained by the company or, more typically, by its transfer agent. Rather, DTC's nominee, Cede & Co., appears on the shareholder list as the sole registered owner of securities deposited with DTC by the DTC participants. A company can request from DTC a "securities position listing" as of a specified date, which identifies the DTC participants having a position in the company's securities and the number of securities held by each DTC participant on that date.<sup>5</sup>

**3. Brokers and banks that constitute "record" holders under Rule**

**14a-8(b)(2)(i) for purposes of verifying whether a beneficial owner is eligible to submit a proposal under Rule 14a-8**

In *The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.* (Oct. 1, 2008), we took the position that an introducing broker could be considered a "record" holder for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). An introducing broker is a broker that engages in sales and other activities involving customer contact, such as opening customer accounts and accepting customer orders, but is not permitted to maintain custody of customer funds and securities.<sup>6</sup> Instead, an introducing broker engages another broker, known as a "clearing broker," to hold custody of client funds and securities, to clear and execute customer trades, and to handle other functions such as issuing confirmations of customer trades and customer account statements. Clearing brokers generally are DTC participants; introducing brokers generally are not. As introducing brokers generally are not DTC participants, and therefore typically do not appear on DTC's securities position listing, *Hain Celestial* has required companies to accept proof of ownership letters from brokers in cases where, unlike the positions of registered owners and brokers and banks that are DTC participants, the company is unable to verify the positions against its own or its transfer agent's records or against DTC's securities position listing.

In light of questions we have received following two recent court cases relating to proof of ownership under Rule 14a-8<sup>7</sup> and in light of the Commission's discussion of registered and beneficial owners in the Proxy Mechanics Concept Release, we have reconsidered our views as to what types of brokers and banks should be considered "record" holders under Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). Because of the transparency of DTC participants' positions in a company's securities, we will take the view going forward that, for Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) purposes, only DTC participants should be viewed as "record" holders of securities that are deposited at DTC. As a result, we will no longer follow *Hain Celestial*.

We believe that taking this approach as to who constitutes a "record" holder for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) will provide greater certainty to beneficial owners and companies. We also note that this approach is consistent with Exchange Act Rule 12g5-1 and a 1988 staff no-action letter addressing that rule,<sup>8</sup> under which brokers and banks that are DTC participants are considered to be the record holders of securities on deposit with DTC when calculating the number of record holders for purposes of Sections 12(g) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Companies have occasionally expressed the view that, because DTC's nominee, Cede & Co., appears on the shareholder list as the sole registered owner of securities deposited with DTC by the DTC participants, only DTC or Cede & Co. should be viewed as the "record" holder of the securities held on deposit at DTC for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i). We have never interpreted the rule to require a shareholder to obtain a proof of ownership letter from DTC or Cede & Co., and nothing in this guidance should be construed as changing that view.

*How can a shareholder determine whether his or her broker or bank is a DTC participant?*

Shareholders and companies can confirm whether a particular broker or bank is a DTC participant by checking DTC's participant list, which is currently available on the Internet at <http://www.dtcc.com/downloads/membership/directories/dtc/alpha.pdf>.

*What if a shareholder's broker or bank is not on DTC's participant list?*

The shareholder will need to obtain proof of ownership from the DTC participant through which the securities are held. The shareholder should be able to find out who this DTC participant is by asking the shareholder's broker or bank.<sup>9</sup>

If the DTC participant knows the shareholder's broker or bank's holdings, but does not know the shareholder's holdings, a shareholder could satisfy Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(i) by obtaining and submitting two proof of ownership statements verifying that, at the time the proposal was submitted, the required amount of securities were continuously held for at least one year – one from the shareholder's broker or bank confirming the shareholder's ownership, and the other from the DTC participant confirming the broker or bank's ownership.

*How will the staff process no-action requests that argue for exclusion on the basis that the shareholder's proof of ownership is not from a DTC participant?*

The staff will grant no-action relief to a company on the basis that the shareholder's proof of ownership is not from a DTC participant only if the company's notice of defect describes the required proof of ownership in a manner that is consistent with the guidance contained in this bulletin. Under Rule 14a-8(f)(1), the shareholder will have an opportunity to obtain the requisite proof of ownership after receiving the notice of defect.

### **C. Common errors shareholders can avoid when submitting proof of ownership to companies**

In this section, we describe two common errors shareholders make when submitting proof of ownership for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b)(2), and we provide guidance on how to avoid these errors.

First, Rule 14a-8(b) requires a shareholder to provide proof of ownership that he or she has "continuously held at least \$2,000 in market value, or 1%, of the company's securities entitled to be voted on the proposal at the meeting for at least one year by the date you submit the proposal" (emphasis added).<sup>10</sup> We note that many proof of ownership letters do not satisfy this requirement because they do not verify the shareholder's beneficial ownership for the entire one-year period preceding and including the date the proposal is submitted. In some cases, the letter speaks as of a date *before* the date the proposal is submitted, thereby leaving a gap between the date of the verification and the date the proposal is submitted. In other cases, the letter speaks as of a date *after* the date the proposal was submitted but covers a period of only one year, thus failing to verify the shareholder's beneficial ownership over the required full

one-year period preceding the date of the proposal's submission.

Second, many letters fail to confirm continuous ownership of the securities. This can occur when a broker or bank submits a letter that confirms the shareholder's beneficial ownership only as of a specified date but omits any reference to continuous ownership for a one-year period.

We recognize that the requirements of Rule 14a-8(b) are highly prescriptive and can cause inconvenience for shareholders when submitting proposals. Although our administration of Rule 14a-8(b) is constrained by the terms of the rule, we believe that shareholders can avoid the two errors highlighted above by arranging to have their broker or bank provide the required verification of ownership as of the date they plan to submit the proposal using the following format:

"As of [date the proposal is submitted], [name of shareholder] held, and has held continuously for at least one year, [number of securities] shares of [company name] [class of securities]."<sup>11</sup>

As discussed above, a shareholder may also need to provide a separate written statement from the DTC participant through which the shareholder's securities are held if the shareholder's broker or bank is not a DTC participant.

#### **D. The submission of revised proposals**

On occasion, a shareholder will revise a proposal after submitting it to a company. This section addresses questions we have received regarding revisions to a proposal or supporting statement.

##### **1. A shareholder submits a timely proposal. The shareholder then submits a revised proposal before the company's deadline for receiving proposals. Must the company accept the revisions?**

Yes. In this situation, we believe the revised proposal serves as a replacement of the initial proposal. By submitting a revised proposal, the shareholder has effectively withdrawn the initial proposal. Therefore, the shareholder is not in violation of the one-proposal limitation in Rule 14a-8(c).<sup>12</sup> If the company intends to submit a no-action request, it must do so with respect to the revised proposal.

We recognize that in Question and Answer E.2 of SLB No. 14, we indicated that if a shareholder makes revisions to a proposal before the company submits its no-action request, the company can choose whether to accept the revisions. However, this guidance has led some companies to believe that, in cases where shareholders attempt to make changes to an initial proposal, the company is free to ignore such revisions even if the revised proposal is submitted before the company's deadline for receiving shareholder proposals. We are revising our guidance on this issue to make clear that a company may not ignore a revised proposal in this situation.<sup>13</sup>

##### **2. A shareholder submits a timely proposal. After the deadline for receiving proposals, the shareholder submits a revised proposal. Must the company accept the revisions?**

No. If a shareholder submits revisions to a proposal after the deadline for receiving proposals under Rule 14a-8(e), the company is not required to accept the revisions. However, if the company does not accept the revisions, it must treat the revised proposal as a second proposal and submit a notice stating its intention to exclude the revised proposal, as required by Rule 14a-8(j). The company's notice may cite Rule 14a-8(e) as the reason for excluding the revised proposal. If the company does not accept the revisions and intends to exclude the initial proposal, it would also need to submit its reasons for excluding the initial proposal.

**3. If a shareholder submits a revised proposal, as of which date must the shareholder prove his or her share ownership?**

A shareholder must prove ownership as of the date the original proposal is submitted. When the Commission has discussed revisions to proposals,<sup>14</sup> it has not suggested that a revision triggers a requirement to provide proof of ownership a second time. As outlined in Rule 14a-8(b), proving ownership includes providing a written statement that the shareholder intends to continue to hold the securities through the date of the shareholder meeting. Rule 14a-8(f)(2) provides that if the shareholder "fails in [his or her] promise to hold the required number of securities through the date of the meeting of shareholders, then the company will be permitted to exclude all of [the same shareholder's] proposals from its proxy materials for any meeting held in the following two calendar years." With these provisions in mind, we do not interpret Rule 14a-8 as requiring additional proof of ownership when a shareholder submits a revised proposal.<sup>15</sup>

**E. Procedures for withdrawing no-action requests for proposals submitted by multiple proponents**

We have previously addressed the requirements for withdrawing a Rule 14a-8 no-action request in SLB Nos. 14 and 14C. SLB No. 14 notes that a company should include with a withdrawal letter documentation demonstrating that a shareholder has withdrawn the proposal. In cases where a proposal submitted by multiple shareholders is withdrawn, SLB No. 14C states that, if each shareholder has designated a lead individual to act on its behalf and the company is able to demonstrate that the individual is authorized to act on behalf of all of the proponents, the company need only provide a letter from that lead individual indicating that the lead individual is withdrawing the proposal on behalf of all of the proponents.

Because there is no relief granted by the staff in cases where a no-action request is withdrawn following the withdrawal of the related proposal, we recognize that the threshold for withdrawing a no-action request need not be overly burdensome. Going forward, we will process a withdrawal request if the company provides a letter from the lead filer that includes a representation that the lead filer is authorized to withdraw the proposal on behalf of each proponent identified in the company's no-action request.<sup>16</sup>

**F. Use of email to transmit our Rule 14a-8 no-action responses to companies and proponents**

To date, the Division has transmitted copies of our Rule 14a-8 no-action responses, including copies of the correspondence we have received in connection with such requests, by U.S. mail to companies and proponents.

We also post our response and the related correspondence to the Commission's website shortly after issuance of our response.

In order to accelerate delivery of staff responses to companies and proponents, and to reduce our copying and postage costs, going forward, we intend to transmit our Rule 14a-8 no-action responses by email to companies and proponents. We therefore encourage both companies and proponents to include email contact information in any correspondence to each other and to us. We will use U.S. mail to transmit our no-action response to any company or proponent for which we do not have email contact information.

Given the availability of our responses and the related correspondence on the Commission's website and the requirement under Rule 14a-8 for companies and proponents to copy each other on correspondence submitted to the Commission, we believe it is unnecessary to transmit copies of the related correspondence along with our no-action response. Therefore, we intend to transmit only our staff response and not the correspondence we receive from the parties. We will continue to post to the Commission's website copies of this correspondence at the same time that we post our staff no-action response.

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<sup>1</sup> See Rule 14a-8(b).

<sup>2</sup> For an explanation of the types of share ownership in the U.S., see Concept Release on U.S. Proxy System, Release No. 34-62495 (July 14, 2010) [75 FR 42982] ("Proxy Mechanics Concept Release"), at Section II.A. The term "beneficial owner" does not have a uniform meaning under the federal securities laws. It has a different meaning in this bulletin as compared to "beneficial owner" and "beneficial ownership" in Sections 13 and 16 of the Exchange Act. Our use of the term in this bulletin is not intended to suggest that registered owners are not beneficial owners for purposes of those Exchange Act provisions. See Proposed Amendments to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Relating to Proposals by Security Holders, Release No. 34-12598 (July 7, 1976) [41 FR 29982], at n.2 ("The term 'beneficial owner' when used in the context of the proxy rules, and in light of the purposes of those rules, may be interpreted to have a broader meaning than it would for certain other purpose[s] under the federal securities laws, such as reporting pursuant to the Williams Act.").

<sup>3</sup> If a shareholder has filed a Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G, Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 reflecting ownership of the required amount of shares, the shareholder may instead prove ownership by submitting a copy of such filings and providing the additional information that is described in Rule 14a-8(b)(2)(ii).

<sup>4</sup> DTC holds the deposited securities in "fungible bulk," meaning that there are no specifically identifiable shares directly owned by the DTC participants. Rather, each DTC participant holds a pro rata interest or position in the aggregate number of shares of a particular issuer held at DTC. Correspondingly, each customer of a DTC participant - such as an individual investor - owns a pro rata interest in the shares in which the DTC

participant has a pro rata interest. See Proxy Mechanics Concept Release, at Section II.B.2.a.

<sup>5</sup> See Exchange Act Rule 17Ad-8.

<sup>6</sup> See Net Capital Rule, Release No. 34-31511 (Nov. 24, 1992) [57 FR 56973] ("Net Capital Rule Release"), at Section II.C.

<sup>7</sup> See *KBR Inc. v. Chevedden*, Civil Action No. H-11-0196, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36431, 2011 WL 1463611 (S.D. Tex. Apr. 4, 2011); *Apache Corp. v. Chevedden*, 696 F. Supp. 2d 723 (S.D. Tex. 2010). In both cases, the court concluded that a securities intermediary was not a record holder for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b) because it did not appear on a list of the company's non-objecting beneficial owners or on any DTC securities position listing, nor was the intermediary a DTC participant.

<sup>8</sup> *Techne Corp.* (Sept. 20, 1988).

<sup>9</sup> In addition, if the shareholder's broker is an introducing broker, the shareholder's account statements should include the clearing broker's identity and telephone number. See Net Capital Rule Release, at Section II.C.(iii). The clearing broker will generally be a DTC participant.

<sup>10</sup> For purposes of Rule 14a-8(b), the submission date of a proposal will generally precede the company's receipt date of the proposal, absent the use of electronic or other means of same-day delivery.

<sup>11</sup> This format is acceptable for purposes of Rule 14a-8(b), but it is not mandatory or exclusive.

<sup>12</sup> As such, it is not appropriate for a company to send a notice of defect for multiple proposals under Rule 14a-8(c) upon receiving a revised proposal.

<sup>13</sup> This position will apply to all proposals submitted after an initial proposal but before the company's deadline for receiving proposals, regardless of whether they are explicitly labeled as "revisions" to an initial proposal, unless the shareholder affirmatively indicates an intent to submit a second, *additional* proposal for inclusion in the company's proxy materials. In that case, the company must send the shareholder a notice of defect pursuant to Rule 14a-8(f)(1) if it intends to exclude either proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on Rule 14a-8(c). In light of this guidance, with respect to proposals or revisions received before a company's deadline for submission, we will no longer follow *Layne Christensen Co.* (Mar. 21, 2011) and other prior staff no-action letters in which we took the view that a proposal would violate the Rule 14a-8(c) one-proposal limitation if such proposal is submitted to a company after the company has either submitted a Rule 14a-8 no-action request to exclude an earlier proposal submitted by the same proponent or notified the proponent that the earlier proposal was excludable under the rule.

<sup>14</sup> See, e.g., Adoption of Amendments Relating to Proposals by Security Holders, Release No. 34-12999 (Nov. 22, 1976) [41 FR 52994].

<sup>15</sup> Because the relevant date for proving ownership under Rule 14a-8(b) is the date the proposal is submitted, a proponent who does not adequately prove ownership in connection with a proposal is not permitted to submit another proposal for the same meeting on a later date.

<sup>16</sup> Nothing in this staff position has any effect on the status of any shareholder proposal that is not withdrawn by the proponent or its authorized representative.

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**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2011 11:52 AM  
**To:** Dow, Matthew C  
**Cc:** Cordero, Maritza  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Rule 14a-8 Proposal (LMT)  
**Attachments:** CCE00005.pdf

Mr. Dow,  
Pleas see the attached letter.  
Sincerely,  
John Chevedden



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November 4, 2011

John R. Chevedden  
Via facsimile to FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is provided at the request of Mr. John R. Chevedden, a customer of Fidelity Investments.

Please accept this letter as confirmation that according to our records Mr. Chevedden has continuously owned no less than 200 shares of Edison International (CUSIP: 281020107), 200 shares of Honeywell International Inc. (CUSIP: 438516106), 100 shares of General Dynamics Corp. (CUSIP: 369550108), 200 shares of Lockheed Martin Corp. (CUSIP: 539830109) and 100 shares of Paccar Inc. (CUSIP: 693718108) since January 1, 2010. These shares are registered in the name of National Financial Services LLC, a DTC participant (DTC number: 0226) and Fidelity Investments affiliate.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to contact me by calling 800-800-6890 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time (Monday through Friday). Press 1 when asked if this call is a response to a letter or phone call; press \*2 to reach an individual, then enter my 5 digit extension 27937 when prompted.

Sincerely,

George Stasinopoulos  
Client Services Specialist

Our File: W624585-03NOV11

**From:** Dow, Matthew C  
**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** \*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*  
**Cc:** Lavan, Maryanne; Block, Marian S; Cordero, Maritza  
**Subject:** Stockholder Proposal for 2012 Lockheed Martin Annual Meeting

Mr. Chevedden,

I write in response to your request that we elaborate on the nature of the multiple proposals contained in your submission. For ease of reference, set forth below is the text of your proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, Shareholders request that our board take the steps necessary so that each shareholder voting requirement in our charter and bylaws that calls for a greater than simple majority vote be changed to require a majority of the votes cast for and against the proposal, or a simple majority in compliance with applicable laws. This includes that our governing documents will be changed, if necessary, to not make use of any provision of state law that would automatically allow our company to have certain super majority voting requirements.

Rule 14a-8 permits a qualified stockholder to submit only a single proposal each year. As currently worded, your proposed resolution contains more than a single proposal. Specifically, it includes separate proposals to (i) amend our Charter and Bylaws in order to replace any super-majority stockholder voting requirement with a simple majority voting standard, and (ii) add provisions to our governing documents in order to elect a simple majority standard under any provision of Maryland law that permits a corporation to elect either a simple or super-majority stockholder voting standard with respect to any matter. While the full extent of the items that would be impacted under Maryland law or required to be amended if your proposal is adopted is unclear, it is clear that your proposal as currently worded would, at a minimum, impact and require stockholders to consider too many distinct and disparate elements to comply with the one proposal limitation of Rule 14a-8. Accordingly, we request that you remedy this defect by revising your proposal to conform with the single proposal requirement of Rule 14a-8.

Should you have any additional questions, I would be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time for us to discuss this matter further.

Best regards,  
Matt

Matthew C. Dow  
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**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Rule 14a-8 Proposal (LMT)

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Sincerely,  
John Chevedden

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**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2011 4:25 PM  
**To:** \*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 14a-8 Proposal (LMT)

Mr. Chevedden,

Thank you for your email. I will get back to you by Monday.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best regards,  
Matt

Matthew C. Dow  
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**Cc:** Dow, Matthew C  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Rule 14a-8 Proposal (LMT)  
**Attachments:** CCE00010.pdf

Dear Ms. Cordero,  
Please see the attached Rule 14a-8 Proposal revision.  
Sincerely,  
John Chevedden

**JOHN CHEVEDDEN**

\*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

\*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

Mr. Robert J. Stevens  
Chairman of the Board  
Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMT)  
6801 Rockledge Dr  
Bethesda MD 20817  
Phone: 301 897-6000

NOVEMBER 11, 2011 REVISION

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I purchased stock in our company because I believed our company had unrealized potential. I believe some of this unrealized potential can be unlocked by making our corporate governance more competitive.

This Rule 14a-8 proposal is respectfully submitted in support of the long-term performance of our company. This proposal is submitted for the next annual shareholder meeting. Rule 14a-8 requirements will be met including the continuous ownership of the required stock value until after the date of the respective shareholder meeting and presentation of the proposal at the annual meeting. This submitted format, with the shareholder-supplied emphasis, is intended to be used for definitive proxy publication.

In the interest of company cost savings and improving the efficiency of the rule 14a-8 process please communicate via email to **FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\***

Your consideration and the consideration of the Board of Directors is appreciated in support of the long-term performance of our company. Please acknowledge receipt of this proposal promptly by email to **FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\***

Sincerely,

  
John Chevedden

October 19, 2011  
Date

cc: Maryanne Lavan  
Corporate Secretary  
PH: 301-897-6167  
FX: 301-897-6960  
Maritza Cordero <maritza.cordero@lmco.com>  
Assistant Corporate Secretary  
FX: 301-897-6716

[LMT: Rule 14a-8 Proposal, November 11, 2011 Revision]

**3\* – Independent Board Chairman**

**RESOLVED:** Shareholders request that our board of directors adopt a policy that, whenever possible, the chairman of our board of directors shall be an independent director (by the standard of the New York Stock Exchange), who has not previously served as an executive officer of our Company. This policy should be implemented so as not to violate any contractual obligations in effect when this resolution is adopted. The policy should also specify how to select a new independent chairman if a current chairman ceases to be independent between annual shareholder meetings.

To foster flexibility, this proposal gives the option of being phased in and implemented when our next CEO is chosen.

When a CEO serves as our board chairman, this arrangement may hinder our board's ability to monitor our CEO's performance. Many companies already have an independent Chairman. An independent Chairman is the prevailing practice in the United Kingdom and many international markets.

The merit of this Independent Board Chairman proposal should also be considered in the context of the opportunity for additional improvement in our company's 2011 reported corporate governance in order to more fully realize our company's potential:

The Corporate Library [www.thecorporatelibrary.com](http://www.thecorporatelibrary.com), an independent investment research firm rated our company "D" with "Very High Governance Risk" and "Very High Concern" in executive pay – \$21 million for our CEO Robert Stevens.

CEO Steven's annual incentive pay was mostly discretionary. Mr. Stevens also received a tax gross-up of \$200,000 and \$1 million for security. Because such pay is not directly tied to performance, it is difficult to justify in terms of shareholder value.

The bulk of CEO equity pay consisted of stock options that vest simply after time without performance-based criteria. Finally, our CEO was entitled to \$38 million in the event of a change in control. This is not in the interests of shareholders as it presents a conflict of interest by providing a strong financial incentive for Mr. Stevens to pursue such an arrangement. Director Anne Stevens received our highest negative votes arguably because she chaired our Executive Pay Committee.

Nell Minow, who chaired The Corporate Library said, "If the board can't get executive compensation right, it's been shown it won't get anything else right either."

Long-tenured Gwendolyn King, on our Ethics Committee, was also a Marsh & McLennan director when Marsh was sued by the New York State Attorney General for alleged bid rigging, price fixing, and kickbacks. In addition, the remaining two directors on our Ethics Committee are inside-related due to their employment with a consulting business that billed Lockheed \$695,000 in 2010.

An independent Chairman policy can further enhance investor confidence in our Company and strengthen the integrity of our Board. Please encourage our board to respond positively to this proposal for an Independent Board Chairman – Yes on 3.\*

Notes:

John Chevedden,  
proposal.

\*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*

sponsored this

This is the only rule 14a-8 proposal intended for the 2012 proxy.

Please note that the title of the proposal is part of the proposal.

\*Number to be assigned by the company.

This proposal is believed to conform with Staff Legal Bulletin No. 14B (CF), September 15, 2004 including (emphasis added):

Accordingly, going forward, we believe that it would not be appropriate for companies to exclude supporting statement language and/or an entire proposal in reliance on rule 14a-8(l)(3) in the following circumstances:

- the company objects to factual assertions because they are not supported;
- the company objects to factual assertions that, while not materially false or misleading, may be disputed or countered;
- the company objects to factual assertions because those assertions may be interpreted by shareholders in a manner that is unfavorable to the company, its directors, or its officers; and/or
- the company objects to statements because they represent the opinion of the shareholder proponent or a referenced source, but the statements are not identified specifically as such.

***We believe that it is appropriate under rule 14a-8 for companies to address these objections in their statements of opposition.***

See also: Sun Microsystems, Inc. (July 21, 2005).

Stock will be held until after the annual meeting and the proposal will be presented at the annual meeting. Please acknowledge this proposal promptly by email <sup>FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*</sup>

**From:** Dow, Matthew C  
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2011 6:41 PM  
**To:** \*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*  
**Cc:** Lavan, Maryanne; Block, Marian S; Cordero, Maritza  
**Subject:** RE: Rule 14a-8 Proposal (LMT)

Mr. Chevedden,

I write to inform you that, on November 12, 2011, we received a new proposal from you (the "Nov. Proposal") for consideration at Lockheed Martin's 2012 annual meeting of stockholders. While this submission appears to replace the proposal that you had submitted to us on October 19, 2011 (the "Oct. Proposal"), it is not entirely clear whether you are submitting both proposals for consideration at the 2012 annual meeting. As you know, stockholders may submit only a single proposal each year. Therefore, kindly confirm that the Oct. Proposal is withdrawn and replaced with the Nov. Proposal.

As a valued and longstanding advocate for Lockheed Martin stockholders, your views on matters affecting our company are appreciated. Thank you again for your interest in Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Best regards,  
Matt

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Sincerely,  
John Chevedden

**From:** \*\*\*FISMA & OMB Memorandum M-07-16\*\*\*  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 5:30 PM  
**To:** Dow, Matthew C  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Rule 14a-8 Proposal (LMT)

Mr. Dow, The November 11, 2011 Revision is the one proposal intended for proxy publication.

Sincerely,  
John Chevedden

Exhibit B



Committee  
Gerald W. McEntee  
Lee A. Saunders  
Edward J. Keller  
Kathy J. Sackman  
Marianne Steger

## EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

October 14, 2011

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OFFICE OF THE  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL and FAX (301) 897-6919**

Lockheed Martin Corporation  
6801 Rockledge Drive  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Attention: Maryanne R. Lavan, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Dear Ms. Lavan:

On behalf of the AFSCME Employees Pension Plan (the "Plan"), I write to give notice that pursuant to the 2011 proxy statement of Lockheed Martin Corporation (the "Company") and Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan intends to present the attached proposal (the "Proposal") at the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Annual Meeting"). The Plan is the beneficial owner of 2,031 shares of voting common stock (the "Shares") of the Company, and has held the Shares for over one year. In addition, the Plan intends to hold the Shares through the date on which the Annual Meeting is held.

The Proposal is attached. I represent that the Plan or its agent intends to appear in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting to present the Proposal. I declare that the Plan has no "material interest" other than that believed to be shared by stockholders of the Company generally. Please direct all questions or correspondence regarding the Proposal to me at (202) 429-1007.

Sincerely,

  
Charles Jurgonis  
Plan Secretary

Enclosure

**American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO**

TEL (202) 775-8142 FAX (202) 785-4606 1625 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-5687

**RESOLVED:** That stockholders of Lockheed Martin Corporation ("Lockheed Martin" or the "Company") ask the Board of Directors to adopt a policy that the Board's Chairman be an independent director according to the definition set forth in the New York Stock Exchange listing standards, unless Lockheed Martin common stock ceases being listed there and is listed on another exchange, at which point, that exchange's standard of independence should apply. If the Board determines that a Chairman who was independent when he or she was selected is no longer independent, the Board shall promptly select a new Chairman who satisfies this independence requirement. Compliance with this requirement may be excused if no director who qualifies as independent is elected by stockholders or if no independent director is willing to serve as Chairman. This independence requirement shall apply prospectively so as not to violate any Company contractual obligation at the time this resolution is adopted.

### SUPPORTING STATEMENT

CEO Robert Stevens also serves as chairman of the Company's board of directors. We believe the combination of these two roles in a single person weakens a corporation's governance which can harm shareholder value. As Intel's former chairman Andrew Grove stated, "The separation of the two jobs goes to the heart of the conception of a corporation. Is a company a sandbox for the CEO, or is the CEO an employee? If he's an employee, he needs a boss, and that boss is the board. The chairman runs the board. How can the CEO be his own boss?"

In our view, shareholder value is enhanced by an independent board chair who can provide a balance of power between the CEO and the board, and support strong board leadership. The primary duty of a board of directors is to oversee the management of a company on behalf of its stockholders. But if the chair of the board is not independent from the CEO, a conflict of interest can result in excessive management influence on the board and weaken the board's oversight of management.

An independent board chair has been found in academic studies to improve the financial performance of public companies. A 2007 Booz & Co. study found that in 2006, all of the underperforming North American companies whose CEOs had long tenure lacked an independent board chair (*The Era of the Inclusive Leader*, Booz Allen Hamilton, Summer 2007). A more recent study found worldwide, companies are now routinely separating the jobs of chair and CEO: in 2009 less than 12 percent of incoming CEOs were also made chair, compared with 48 percent in 2002 (*CEO Succession 2000-2009: A Decade of Convergence and Compression*, Booz & Co., Summer 2010).

We believe that independent board leadership would be particularly constructive at Lockheed Martin, where in 2010 Robert Stevens received over four times the average compensation of the other named executive officers. A study shows pay inequity is associated with lower firm value and greater CEO entrenchment (Bebchuk, "Pay Distribution in the Top Executive Team," February 2007).



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**EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN**

October 14, 2011

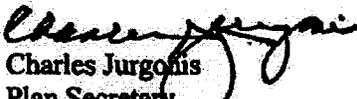
**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL and FAX (301) 897-6919**

Lockheed Martin Corporation  
6801 Rockledge Drive  
Bethesda, Maryland 20817  
Attention: Maryanne R. Lavan, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Dear Ms. Lavan:

On behalf of the AFSCME Employees Pension Plan (the "Plan"), I write to provide you with verified proof of ownership from the Plan's custodian. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

  
Charles Jurgolis  
Plan Secretary

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October 14, 2011

Lonita Waybright  
A.F.S.C.M.E.  
Benefits Administrator  
1625 L Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

**Re: Shareholder Proposal Record Letter for LOCKHEED MARTIN (cusip 539830109)**

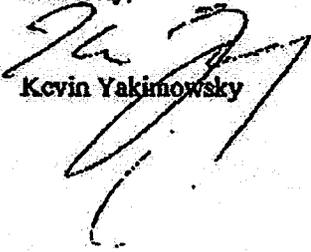
Dear Ms Waybright:

State Street Bank and Trust Company is Trustee for 2,031 shares of Lockheed Martin common stock held for the benefit of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Pension Plan ("Plan"). The Plan has been a beneficial owner of at least 1% or \$2,000 in market value of the Company's common stock continuously for at least one year prior to the date of this letter. The Plan continues to hold the shares of Lockheed Martin stock.

As Trustee for the Plan, State Street holds these shares at its Participant Account at the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). Cede & Co., the nominee name at DTC, is the record holder of these shares.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Yakimowsky

JOHN CHEVEDDEN

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January 27, 2012

Office of Chief Counsel  
Division of Corporation Finance  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549

**# 4 Rule 14a-8 Proposal**  
**Allergan, Inc. (AGN)**  
**Special Meeting Topic**  
**John Chevedden**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This further responds to the December 1, 2011 company request to avoid this established rule 14a-8 proposal.

The company incredibly claims that it need not provide key details in its request for stock ownership verification if it can later show that the proponent received a copy of SLB 14F from another source.

The company claims that companies must be excused from following the rules when companies can make claims that proponents should have done things differently.

Plus SLB 14F, which significantly further burdens proponents, was issued at the beginning of the peak rule 14a-8 proposal submittal period.

The company in effect claims that companies are entitled to a sweet-spot: If companies are somewhere in the ballpark of following the rules and proponents have some range of prior experience, then it is the companies that deserve to be excused.

Plus when one needs two letters according to SLB 14F then the 14-day limit should be changed to 28-days. SLB 14F further burdens proponents without a corresponding time extension.

This is to request that the Securities and Exchange Commission allow this resolution to stand and be voted upon in the 2012 proxy.

Sincerely,



John Chevedden

cc: Tim Andrews <Andrews\_Tim@Allergan.com>