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Notice of 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting

TO McDONALD S CORPORATION SHAREHOLDERS:

McDonald s Corporation will hold its 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, in the Prairie Ballroom at The Lodge at McDonald s Office Campus, Oak Brook, Illinois. The registration desk will open at 7:30 a.m. At the meeting, shareholders will be asked to:

- 1. Elect five Directors, each for a three-year term expiring in 2014;
- 2. Cast an advisory vote on the appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm to serve as independent auditors for 2011;
- 3. Cast an advisory vote on executive compensation;
- 4. Cast an advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation;
- 5. Vote on three proposals to eliminate super-majority voting requirements in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation;
- 6. Cast advisory votes on [five] shareholder proposals, if presented; and
- 7. Transact other business properly presented at the meeting.

Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the Board s nominees for Director, **FOR** the approval of the independent auditors, **FOR** the approval of our 2010 executive compensation, in favor of an **ANNUAL** advisory vote on executive compensation, **FOR** the elimination of the super-majority voting requirements in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, and **AGAINST** each shareholder proposal.

Your vote is important. Please note that in the absence of your specific instructions as to how to vote, brokers may only vote on the approval of the appointment of the independent auditors and the three proposals to eliminate super-majority voting requirements in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, but no other proposals described in this Proxy Statement. In order for your vote to be counted, please make sure that you submit your vote to your broker.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may listen to a live webcast by going to www.investor.mcdonalds.com and selecting the appropriate link under Webcasts. The Annual Shareholders Meeting webcast will be available for a limited time after the meeting.

If you plan to attend the meeting in person, please be aware that you must pre-register with McDonald s Shareholder Services. Please see page [] of this Proxy Statement for information about how to pre-register.

Please consider the issues presented in this Proxy Statement and vote your shares as promptly as possible.

Thank you.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Gloria Santona

Corporate Secretary

Oak Brook, Illinois

April 8, 2011

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Corporate governance and Board matters

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate governance practices remain an important focus for all public companies, including McDonald s. Although our Proxy Statement responds to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in this area, we believe that good governance is more than compliance with a collection of regulations or adherence to a one size fits all approach advocated by some. At McDonald s, good governance is guided by the values that have been part of our business for more than 50 years integrity, fairness, diligence and ethical behavior, and is guided by the relationships among our Board of Directors (Board), our management and our shareholders. We believe that our proven governance practices contribute to the strong alignment among the Company, its franchisees and suppliers what we refer to as the McDonald s System. This alignment has been a key ingredient to McDonald s success over many years.

We believe the foundation of good governance starts with a Board whose independence, stability and diversity ensures candid and constructive engagement with management and each other about all aspects of McDonald s business. Our Board has been led by an independent Chairman, Andrew McKenna, since 2004. Mr. McKenna was appointed to facilitate a transition to a new Chief Executive Officer after the untimely death of our previous Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at a time when McDonald s was in the early stages of implementing its new business strategy, the Plan to Win. Independent leadership of the Board allowed management to focus fully on operations during this period. At the same time, it assured that the Chief Executive Officer had an appropriately strong counterpoint on the Board when considering the challenges associated with a change in strategy. The Board has retained this structure because it has worked well to assure constructive engagement with the Chief Executive Officer and effective oversight of management as a whole.

Our Director nomination process seeks persons with the initiative, time, attributes and experience to be effective contributors. In addition, Directors must limit outside activities and abide by a specific code of conduct so that we can be confident about their commitment. To underscore their alignment with shareholders, Directors receive stock-equivalent compensation and must own a specified value of McDonald s common stock. Our independent Directors meet regularly without management present to evaluate the Company s results, plans and challenges, as well as management s performance and the strength and development of our leadership bench. We refer to these meetings as executive sessions. In 2010, the full Board met eight times. Our independent Directors also met in executive session six times. Directors are expected to attend the Company s Annual Shareholders Meeting, and all Board meetings and meetings of the Committees of the Board on which they serve. In 2010, all Directors attended the Annual Shareholders Meeting. Nine of our Directors attended 100% of all Board meetings and meetings of the Committees of the Board on which they serve, and no Director attended fewer

than 88% of all Board meetings and meetings of the Committees of the Board on which they serve.

As part of our governance processes, the Board is actively engaged in overseeing and reviewing the Company strategic direction and objectives, taking into account (among other considerations) the Company s risk profile and exposures. The Board conducts an annual in-depth review of the business, which includes consideration of risk exposures. The Board also regularly reviews the development of leaders, and short and long-term succession plans for the Chief Executive Officer and other senior management positions.

Board oversight is also effected through six standing committees. They are the Audit, Compensation, Governance, Corporate Responsibility, Finance and Executive Committees. Each of them operates under a separate written charter to promote clarity in their responsibilities and accountability among their members. These Committees work in a coordinated way to address recurring matters and respond to unanticipated events, and they are discussed in greater detail beginning on page [] of this Proxy Statement.

Although the Board as a whole has responsibility for risk oversight, these Committees also oversee the Company s risk profile and exposures relating to matters within the scope of their authority and report to the Board about their deliberations. The Audit Committee considers audit, accounting and compliance risk, and it periodically receives reports from the head of internal audit, the head of corporate tax, the General Counsel, the Chief Compliance Officer and the Chief Information Officer. The Audit Committee annually reviews the Company s policies with respect to financial risk assessment and financial risk management. The Audit Committee is also responsible for discussing with management, internal audit and Ernst & Young the Company s major risk exposures (whether financial, operational or otherwise), and the steps management

has taken to monitor and control such exposures, and for evaluating management s process to assess and manage the Company s enterprise risk issues. The Compensation Committee considers the level of risk posed by our compensation programs, including incentive compensation programs in which the CEO and other employees participate. The Governance Committee monitors potential risks to the effectiveness of the Board, notably Director succession and Board composition, and the principal policies that guide the Company s governance. The Corporate Responsibility Committee reviews risks to the business that may result from trends in corporate social responsibility, including risks pertaining to the environment, health and safety issues of the Company and its supply chain, employment practices, government relations initiatives, diversity initiatives, and marketing practices that may affect the Company s brand reputation. The Finance Committee annually reviews the Company s worldwide insurance program.

The Board continually reviews its governance practices to ensure their relevance and appropriateness for the Company and all of our shareholders. Our governance processes also address matters that are responsive to shareholder interests. This year

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we are proposing that shareholders approve amendments to the Company s Restated Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate super-majority voting requirements. For the first time, our shareholders will also have the opportunity to provide an advisory vote on the Company s executive compensation program and our Board has recommended that shareholders approve an annual advisory executive compensation vote for future years.

McDonald s is proud of its governance structure, but is mindful that good governance is a journey, not a destination. We welcome shareholder communications about our practices, which can be sent to the Company as described on page [] of this Proxy Statement. We are committed to continuously improving our governance practices to promote an effective collaboration of management and our Board that ensures continued alignment of the McDonald s System and that yields value for all of our shareholders.

DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Our Corporate Governance Principles require that all Directors except management Directors be independent. The Board is responsible for determining the independence of each Director, and the Board has adopted Standards on Director Independence for this purpose. The Board considers relationships involving Directors and their immediate family members that may implicate any of these Standards or other applicable law or the listing standards of the NYSE, and relies on information derived from Company records, questionnaires completed by Directors and inquiries of other relevant parties.

The relationships reviewed by the Board as part of its most recent independence determinations consisted of commercial relationships with companies:

- at which Board members then served as officers (including Mattel, Inc., Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc. and NIKE, Inc.);
- in which Board members or their immediate family members then held an aggregate 10% or more direct or indirect interest (including Schwarz Supply Source and Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc.); and
- at which Board members then served as outside Directors (including Aon Corporation, Bank of America Corporation, Chevron Corporation, ConAgra Foods, Inc., Discover Financial Services, Exelon Corporation, Hewitt Associates, Inc., Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated, Nordstrom, Inc., The Walt Disney Company and Wells Fargo & Company).

The relationships with the companies noted above involved McDonald s purchase of products and services in the ordinary course of business that were made on arm s-length terms in amounts and under other circumstances that did not affect the relevant Directors independence under the Board s Standards on Director Independence or under applicable law and listing standards.

The Board also reviewed donations made by the Company to not-for-profit organizations with which Board members or their immediate family members were affiliated by membership or service as directors or trustees.

Based on its review of the above relationships, the Board determined that none of its non-management Directors has a material relationship with the Company and that all of them are independent within the meaning of the Board's Standards on Director Independence, as well as applicable law and listing standards. Currently, our non-management Directors are Susan E. Arnold, Robert A. Eckert, Enrique Hernandez, Jr., Jeanne P. Jackson, Richard H. Lenny, Walter E. Massey, Andrew J. McKenna, Cary D. McMillan, Sheila A. Penrose, John W. Rogers, Jr., Roger W. Stone and Miles D. White.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Our Corporate Governance Principles provide for six standing committees: Audit, Compensation, Governance, Corporate Responsibility, Finance and Executive. Charters for each of the committees are available on the Company s website at www.governance.mcdonalds.com.

The **Audit Committee** oversees financial reporting matters and is critical in setting the right—tone at the top—for accounting, control and compliance matters. The Audit Committee appoints the Company—s independent auditors and evaluates their independence and performance. The Audit Committee reviews with the internal auditors and the independent auditors the overall scope and results of their respective audits, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company—s internal accounting and financial controls. The Audit Committee also reviews the Company—s

material financial disclosures and pre-approves all audit and permitted non-audit services. In addition, the Audit Committee annually reviews the adequacy and appropriateness of the Company s compliance programs, and receives regular updates about compliance activities. The Audit Committee also annually reviews the Company s disclosure controls and procedures. The Audit Committee also reviews related person transactions and makes recommendations to the Board about those matters. Members of the Audit Committee are Directors Hernandez (Chairperson), Massey, McMillan, Penrose and Stone. All members of the Audit Committee are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE. The Board determined that Directors Hernandez, McMillan and Stone qualify as audit committee financial experts and that each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate, all within the meaning of applicable rules of the SEC and the listing standards of the NYSE. In 2010, the Audit Committee met nine times, including meetings to review the Company s annual and quarterly financial reports prior to filing with the SEC.

The Audit Committee Report, a discussion of the Policy for Pre-Approval of Audit and Permitted Non-Audit Services and a summary of Auditor Fees and Services can be found on pages [] of this Proxy Statement.

The **Compensation Committee** approves the Chief Executive Officer s compensation based upon an evaluation of his performance by the independent Directors. Based on recommendations from management, the Compensation Committee also reviews and approves senior management s compensation and approves compensation guidelines for all other officers of the Company. The Compensation Committee administers the Company s incentive and equity compensation plans and, in

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consultation with senior management, reviews and approves compensation policies. The Compensation Committee has oversight for the detailed disclosure requirements regarding executive compensation. Members of the Compensation Committee are Directors Eckert (Chairperson), Arnold, Lenny, Rogers and White. All members of the Compensation Committee are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE and are also outside directors within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and non-employee directors within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In 2010, the Compensation Committee met five times.

The Compensation Committee Report can be found on page [] of this Proxy Statement and additional information about the Committee s processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive compensation can be found in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, also beginning on page [] of this Proxy Statement.

The Governance Committee monitors our Board structure and operations. As part of its functions, the Governance Committee sets criteria for Board membership; searches for and screens candidates to fill Board vacancies; recommends appropriate candidates for election each year and, in this regard, evaluates individual Director performance; assesses overall Board performance; considers Board composition and size; recommends to the Board the compensation paid to non-management Directors and evaluates the Company s corporate governance processes. The Governance Committee also considers and makes recommendations to the Board regarding shareholder proposals for inclusion in the Company s annual Proxy Statement. In addition, under our majority voting standard for uncontested Director elections, if an incumbent Director fails to be re-elected, the Governance Committee is responsible for making a recommendation to the Board about whether to accept the resignation tendered by a Director. Members of the Governance Committee are Directors McKenna (Chairperson), Eckert, Hernandez, Jackson, Stone and White. All members of the Governance Committee are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE. In 2010, the Governance Committee met seven times.

The **Corporate Responsibility Committee** acts in an advisory capacity to the Company s management with respect to policies and strategies that pertain to the Company s responsibilities as a global corporate citizen and its reputation as a socially responsible organization. Members of the Committee are independent Directors Massey (Chairperson), Arnold, Penrose and Rogers. In 2010, the Corporate Responsibility Committee met four times.

The **Finance Committee** ensures that McDonald s dividend policy and share repurchase program, are considered in appropriate detail in light of the Company s overall strategy and performance. The Finance Committee has principal oversight responsibility with respect to certain material financial matters, including the Company s treasury activities, as well as acquisitions and divestitures that are significant to the Company s business. The Finance Committee annually reviews the Company s banking arrangements, and policies with respect to dividends and share repurchase. Members of the Finance Committee are independent Directors Jackson (Chairperson), Lenny, McMillan, Rogers and Stone. In 2010, the Finance Committee met two times.

The Executive Committee may exercise most Board powers during the periods between Board meetings. Members of the Committee are Directors Skinner (Chairperson), Eckert, Hernandez and McKenna. In 2010, the Executive Committee did not meet.

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DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Under McDonald s Corporate Governance Principles, the Governance Committee recommends to the Board the form and amount of compensation for non-management Directors. Only non-management Directors are paid for their service on the Board. The compensation structure for the non-management Directors is as follows: (i) an annual cash retainer of \$90,000; (ii) an annual retainer fee of \$20,000 for each Director serving as Chairperson of the Audit, Compensation and Governance Committees and an annual retainer fee of \$10,000 for each Director serving as Chairperson of other Board Committees; and (iii) stock equivalent units with a \$130,000 value granted annually to each Director serving for the entire calendar year, under the McDonald s Corporation Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. (Directors serving for a portion of the year receive prorated grants of stock equivalent units.)

The following table summarizes the compensation received by the non-management Directors in 2010:

	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	All other compensation	
Name	(1)(2)	(3)(4)	(5)	Total
(a)	(\$) (b)	(\$) (c)	(\$) (g)	(\$) (h)
Susan E. Arnold	\$90,000	\$130,000	\$10,000	\$230,000
Robert A. Eckert	110,000	130,000	10,000	250,000
Enrique Hernandez, Jr.	110,000	130,000	10,000	250,000
Jeanne P. Jackson	100,000	130,000		230,000
Richard H. Lenny	90,000	130,000	10,000	230,000
Walter E. Massey	100,000	130,000	10,000	240,000
Andrew J. McKenna (6)	110,000	889,135	10,000	1,009,135
Cary D. McMillan	90,000	130,000	10,000	230,000
Sheila A. Penrose	90,000	130,000	5,000	225,000
John W. Rogers, Jr.	90,000	130,000	10,000	230,000
Roger W. Stone	90,000	130,000	10,000	230,000
Miles D. White	90,000	130,000	10,000	230,000

(1) In 2010, the Chairperson of each of the Audit, Compensation and Governance Committees (Directors Hernandez, Eckert and McKenna, respectively) received an annual retainer fee of \$20,000. The Chairperson of each of the Corporate Responsibility and Finance Committees (Directors Massey and Jackson, respectively) received an annual retainer fee of \$10,000 for service in these capacities. The Company reimburses non-management Directors for expenses incurred in connection with attending Board, Committee and shareholder meetings, as well as attending McDonald s business meetings at management s invitation.

On limited occasions, the Company may determine that it is appropriate for non-management Directors to be accompanied by their spouses in connection with these meetings and/or at other events related to their service on the Board. In these circumstances, the Company also reimburses the spouses travel expenses. In addition, in accordance with our Corporate Governance Principles, the Company reimburses reasonable expenses related to continuing education for our Directors.

(2) Non-management Directors may elect to defer all or a portion of their retainer and/or fees in the form of common stock equivalent units under the Company s Directors Deferred Compensation Plan. Such deferrals, as well as the annual grant of common stock equivalent units described in note 3 below, are credited to an account that is periodically adjusted to reflect the gains, losses and dividends associated with a notional investment in McDonald s common stock. The number of common stock equivalent units credited to a non-management Director s account is based on a per-share price equal to the closing price of McDonald s stock on the NYSE on the date the credit is made. Amounts credited to the non-management Directors accounts are paid in cash, in a single lump sum after the non-management Director retires from the Board or dies or on the date specified by the non-management Director in a deferral election. If the non-management Director has made a valid prior written election in accordance with the terms of the plan, all or a portion of the amount in the non-management Director s account may be paid in equal annual installments over a period of up to 15 years beginning after

retirement from the Board.

(3) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (formerly SFAS 123R) (FASB ASC Topic 718), as reported in our financial statements of (i) common stock equivalent units granted under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan on December 31, 2010 to each non-management Director who served on the Board during 2010; and (ii) in the case of Director McKenna, a special grant of 12,453 restricted stock units on June 9, 2010, awarded in recognition of Director McKenna s service as non-executive Chairman of the Board, as described in note 6 below.

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(4) The aggregate number of outstanding stock awards held by each of the non-management Directors as of December 31, 2010 is set forth in the table below. Stock awards include common stock equivalent units under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and, in the case of Director McKenna, both common stock equivalent units and restricted stock units:

	Aggregate number of outstanding stock awards as of
Name	December 31, 2010
Susan E. Arnold	7,510
Robert A. Eckert	31,973
Enrique Hernandez, Jr.	54,421
Jeanne P. Jackson	41,196
Richard H. Lenny	16,877
Walter E. Massey	24,418
Andrew J. McKenna	180,554
Cary D. McMillan	23,413
Sheila A. Penrose	10,911
John W. Rogers, Jr.	28,883
Roger W. Stone	89,087
Miles D. White	2,782

The aggregate number of outstanding stock options held by each of the non-management Directors as of December 31, 2010 is set forth in the table below. For Director Stone, the options are held indirectly by a revocable trust, of which Mr. Stone is trustee. The Company has not granted any stock options to non-management Directors since May 20, 2004.

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Name Susan E. Arnold	of outstanding stock options as of December 31, 2010
Robert A. Eckert	15,000
Enrique Hernandez, Jr.	13,000
Jeanne P. Jackson	10,000
Richard H. Lenny	.,
Walter E. Massey	
Andrew J. McKenna	4,998
Cary D. McMillan	
Sheila A. Penrose	
John W. Rogers, Jr.	15,000
Roger W. Stone	18,000
Miles D. White	

Aggregate number

- (5) Represents Company matching gifts of charitable contributions to tax-exempt organizations for non-management Directors who participated in this program. This program is generally available to the Company s employees and for the non-management Directors matches up to \$10,000 of charitable contributions made to certain categories of tax-exempt organizations. The total cost of matching contributions made on behalf of non-management Directors was \$105,000 during 2010.
- (6) The amount reported in the Stock Awards column for Director McKenna represents the sum of (i) the \$130,000 credit to his account under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan on December 31, 2010; and (ii) the aggregate grant date fair value of \$759,135 computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 relating to the special award of 12,453 restricted stock units granted on June 9, 2010 in recognition of his service as non-executive Chairman of the Board. These restricted stock units will be paid out on the later of one year from the date

of grant or Director McKenna s retirement date.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

In accordance with our Corporate Governance Principles, the Governance Committee conducts an annual evaluation of the performance of the Board of Directors. Individual Directors are evaluated periodically, but no less often than each time they are slated for re-election. In addition, each of the Audit, Compensation and Governance Committees annually conducts self-evaluations and each of the Corporate Responsibility and Finance Committees conducts such evaluations at least every two years. Results of these evaluations are discussed at committee meetings and with the full Board.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each year, Directors confirm that they have read the Code of Conduct for the Board of Directors and will comply with its standards.

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DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS

The Company has a policy with regard to the consideration of Director candidates. Under the policy, the Governance Committee establishes criteria for Director nominees, screens candidates and evaluates the qualifications of the persons nominated by or recommended by shareholders. The Governance Committee recommends Director nominees who are ultimately approved by the full Board. The Governance Committee considers candidates suggested by its members, other Directors, senior management and shareholders in anticipation of upcoming elections and actual or expected Board vacancies. The Committee may, at the Company s expense, retain search firms, consultants and other advisors to identify, screen and/or evaluate candidates.

The Governance Committee reviews the size and structure of the Board and considers Director tenure, skills and experiences in determining the slate of nominees. All candidates, including those recommended by shareholders, are evaluated on the same basis in light of their credentials and the needs of the Board. The Governance Committee seeks Directors with records of achievement in their chosen fields and experience relevant to the Company s scope, strategy and operations. Director candidates also are expected to possess certain qualities, such as integrity, independence of mind, analytical skills, a commitment to serve the interests of shareholders, and a willingness to challenge management in a constructive and collegial environment, as well as an ability to exercise good judgment, and provide practical insights and diverse perspectives. In selecting candidates, the Governance Committee and the Board take diversity into account, seeking to ensure a representation of varied perspectives and experience, although the Company s nomination policy does not prescribe specific standards for diversity. Candidates also are evaluated in light of Board policies, such as those relating to Director independence and service on other boards, as well as considerations relating to the size, structure and needs of the Board. As part of its consideration of Director succession, the Board and the Governance Committee monitor whether the Directors as a group meet the Company s criteria for the composition of the Board, including overall diversity of perspective and experience.

Candidates with appropriate qualifications are interviewed in person, typically by the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, a majority of the members of the Governance Committee and other available Directors. The Governance Committee also periodically evaluates all Directors in light of the above considerations and their contributions to the Board.

Shareholders who wish to suggest candidates for nomination by the Board or who wish to directly nominate Director candidates for election at the Company s 2012 Annual Shareholders Meeting should follow the procedures described in the section on Consideration of Director Nominations for the 2012 Annual Shareholders Meeting, which can be found on page [] of this Proxy Statement.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

We believe that our Directors have the qualifications, skills and experience that are consistent with our policy for selection of Directors and that as a group, they function collegially, constructively and effectively together in overseeing McDonald s business.

The Company is the leading global quick service restaurant retailer, and franchises and operates McDonald s restaurants around the world. Each of our Directors holds, or has held, senior executive positions in large, complex organizations, many of which have significant international operations, as well as directorships at other U.S. public companies and senior-level roles in charitable, civic and other not-for-profit organizations. In these positions, all of our Directors have demonstrated their leadership, intellectual and analytical skills, gained deep experience in core management skills, such as strategy and business development, finance, risk assessment, and leadership development and succession planning, and have gained significant experience in corporate governance and oversight. These skills and experiences are relevant to the Company s current and evolving business strategies, as well as to the Board s oversight role, and enable our Directors to provide diverse perspectives about the complex issues facing a global restaurant organization like McDonald s.

Biographical information for our Directors is set forth below, including the specific qualifications, skills and experiences considered by the Governance Committee in recommending the Company s slate of Director nominees.

Susan E. Arnold. *Nominee.* Ms. Arnold served in a special assignment reporting to the Chief Executive Officer with The Procter & Gamble Company, a manufacturer and marketer of consumer goods, from March 2009 through September 1, 2009. Prior to that time,

Ms. Arnold was the President Global Business Units of The Procter & Gamble Company from 2007 until March 2009 when she retired from that post. Ms. Arnold served as Vice Chair of P&G Beauty and Health since 2006 and Vice Chair of P&G Beauty since 2004. She is currently a director of The Walt Disney Company. Ms. Arnold, 57, joined McDonald s Board in 2008 and is a nominee for the class of 2014.

Ms. Arnold was a senior executive responsible for major consumer brands in a large, complex retailing and global brand management company. Her skills include knowledge of product development, strategy and business development, finance, marketing and consumer insights, and sustainability and other social responsibility matters.

Robert A. Eckert. Mr. Eckert is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Mattel, Inc., a designer, manufacturer and marketer of family products, a post he has held since May 2000. He is currently a director of Levi Strauss & Co. Mr. Eckert, 56, joined McDonald s Board in

2003 and is a member of the class of 2012.

Mr. Eckert is the chief executive officer of a large, complex global brand management company. His skills include knowledge of manufacturing, product development, marketing and consumer insights, finance, supply chain management and distribution, and strategy and business development for major consumer brands.

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Enrique Hernandez, Jr. Mr. Hernandez has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., a provider of high-end security and facility support services to government, utilities and industrial customers, since 1986. He joined McDonald s Board in

1996 and is a member of the class of 2012. Mr. Hernandez, 55, currently serves as the non-executive Chairman of the Board of Nordstrom, Inc., and as a director of Chevron Corporation and Wells Fargo & Company. In the last five years, Mr. Hernandez also served as a director of Tribune Company.

Mr. Hernandez is the chief executive officer of a global security company and has been a director of several large public companies in various industries. His skills include knowledge of strategy and business development, corporate governance, finance and accounting, and succession planning.

Jeanne P. Jackson. Ms. Jackson is President of Direct to Consumer for NIKE, Inc., a designer, marketer and distributor of athletic footwear, equipment and accessories, a post she has held since March 2009. Between 2002 and 2009, she was the Chief

Executive Officer of MSP Capital, a private investment company. Ms. Jackson, 59, joined McDonald s Board in 1999 and is a member of the class of 2012. She currently serves as a director of Motorola Mobility Holdings, Inc. In the last five years, she also served as a director of Harrah s Entertainment, Inc., NIKE, Inc., Nordstrom, Inc. and Williams-Sonoma, Inc.

Ms. Jackson has had experience as a senior executive in retailing and global brand management for several major consumer brands and has been a director of several large public companies, primarily involved in consumer goods and services. Her skills include knowledge of product development, strategy and business development, finance, and marketing and consumer insights.

Richard H. Lenny. *Nominee*. Mr. Lenny is an operating partner of Friedman, Fleischer & Lowe, LLC, a private equity firm, a post he has held since January 2011. From January 2002 until his retirement in December 2007, Mr. Lenny was Chairman, President and

Chief Executive Officer of The Hershey Company, a manufacturer, distributor and marketer of candy, snacks and candy-related grocery products. He currently serves as a director of ConAgra Foods, Inc. and Discover Financial Services. In the last five years, he also served as a director of The Hershey Company and Sunoco Inc. Mr. Lenny, 59, joined McDonald s Board in 2005 and is a nominee for the class of 2014.

Mr. Lenny has experience as a chief executive officer for a global retail food company that is a major consumer brand. His skills include knowledge of strategy and business development, finance, marketing and consumer insights, supply chain management and distribution, sustainability and other social responsibility matters.

Walter E. Massey. Dr. Massey is the President of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, a post he assumed in September 2010. He is also President Emeritus of Morehouse College, having served as its President from 1995 to June 2007. In the last five years,

Dr. Massey, 73, also served as a director of Bank of America Corporation, BP p.l.c., Delta Airlines, Inc. and Motorola, Inc. Dr. Massey joined McDonald s Board in 1998 and is a member of the class of 2013.

Dr. Massey has experience as the chief executive officer of several large, complex academic organizations and as a director of multiple large public companies in various industries. His skills include knowledge of strategy, policy matters (including sustainability matters), leadership development and succession planning, risk assessment, finance, and shareholder and government relations.

Andrew J. McKenna. Mr. McKenna has been the non-executive Chairman of the Board since 2004 and is also the Chairman of Schwarz Supply Source, a printer, converter, producer and distributor of packaging and promotional materials. Mr. McKenna, 81, joined

McDonald s Board in 1991 and is a member of the class of 2012. He is currently a director of Aon Corporation and Skyline Corporation. In the last five years, Mr. McKenna also served as a director of Click Commerce Inc.

Mr. McKenna has experience as the chief executive officer of a large, complex international supplier of paper-based goods. His skills include knowledge of strategy and business development, finance, corporate governance, risk assessment, and leadership development and succession planning. He also has experience as a director of multiple large public companies, charities and civic organizations.

Cary D. McMillan. *Nominee.* Mr. McMillan has been Chief Executive Officer of True Partners Consulting LLC, a professional services firm providing tax and other financial services, since December 2005. From October 2001 to May 2004, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Sara Lee Branded Apparel,

and Executive Vice President, from January 2000 to May 2004, of Sara Lee Corporation, a branded consumer packaged goods company. Mr. McMillan, 53, joined McDonald s Board in 2003 and is a nominee for the class of 2014. He currently serves as a director of American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. and, in the last five years, also served as a director of Hewitt Associates, Inc.

Mr. McMillan has experience as a senior executive at a large, complex major consumer brand company, as chief executive of a professional services firm and he is also a certified public accountant. His skills include knowledge of strategy and business development, finance and accounting, international operations, product development, and supply chain management and distribution.

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Sheila A. Penrose. *Nominee.* Ms. Penrose is the non-executive Chairman of the Board of Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated, a global real estate services and money management firm, since her election to that post in January 2005. She has served on Jones Lang

LaSalle s Board since 2002. From October 2000 to December 2007, Ms. Penrose was the President of the Penrose Group, a provider of strategic advisory services on financial and organizational strategies. From January 2001 until December 2008, Ms. Penrose served as Executive Advisor to Boston Consulting Group. Ms. Penrose, 65, joined McDonald s Board in 2006 and is a nominee for the class of 2014. In the last five years, she also served as a director of eFunds.

Ms. Penrose has experience as a senior executive of a large, complex investment services and banking company, as executive advisor to a leading global consulting firm, and as a Chairman of a large, complex, global real estate company. Her skills include knowledge of strategy and business development, finance, risk assessment, and leadership development and succession planning.

John W. Rogers, Jr. Mr. Rogers is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ariel Investments, LLC, a privately held institutional money management firm that he founded in 1983. Mr. Rogers, 53, joined McDonald s Board in 2003 and is a member of the class of 2013.

Mr. Rogers currently serves as a director of Aon Corporation and Exelon Corporation, and as a trustee of Ariel Investment Trust. In the last five years, he also served as a director of Bally Total Fitness and Commonwealth Edison Company.

Mr. Rogers is the chief executive officer of an institutional money management firm. His skills include knowledge of finance, shareholder and investor relations, risk assessment, succession planning, and strategy and business development. He also has experience as a director of multiple public companies, charities and civic organizations.

James A. Skinner. *Nominee.* Mr. Skinner is Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, a post to which he was elected in November 2004, and also has served as a Director since that date. He served as Vice Chairman from January 2003 to November 2004.

Mr. Skinner, 66, has been with the Company for 39 years and is a nominee for the class of 2014. He currently serves as a director of Illinois Tool Works Inc. and Walgreen Co.

Mr. Skinner provides a Company perspective in Board discussions about the business, relationships with key constituencies with the McDonald s System, competitive landscape and finance, senior leadership and strategic opportunities and challenges for the Company. Mr. Skinner also has experience serving as an independent director of two other public companies.

Roger W. Stone. Mr. Stone has been and is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation, formerly Stone Arcade Acquisition Corporation, since April 2005. Since August 2010, Mr. Stone also has been the Chairman

of Stone Tan China Holding Corporation and Stone Tan China Acquisition (Hong Kong) Co. Ltd. Mr. Stone, 76, was manager of Stone-Kaplan Investments, LLC from July 2004 to January 2007. Mr. Stone joined McDonald s Board in 1989 and is a member of the class of 2013.

Mr. Stone is the chief executive officer of a large, complex, international paper and packaging business. His skills include experience in the sourcing and sale of product packaging and related commodities, supply chain management and distribution, environmental sustainability, strategy and business development, finance and accounting and risk assessment.

Donald Thompson. Mr. Thompson is President and Chief Operating Officer, a position to which he was elected in January 2010. Mr. Thompson was also elected a Director in January 2011. He previously served as President, McDonald s USA, from August 2006 to

January 2010, and as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for McDonald s USA from January 2005 to August 2006. Mr. Thompson, 48, has been with the Company for 20 years and is a member of the class of 2012. He currently serves as a director of Exelon Corporation.

Mr. Thompson provides a Company perspective in Board discussions about the business, particularly with respect to worldwide restaurant operations, competitive landscape, senior leadership and strategic opportunities and challenges for the Company. Mr. Thompson also has experience serving as an independent director of another public company.

Miles D. White. Mr. White has been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Abbott Laboratories, a pharmaceuticals and biotechnology company, since 1999. Mr. White joined Abbott in 1984. Mr. White, 56, joined McDonald s Board in 2009

and is a member of the class of 2013. He currently serves as a director of Caterpillar, Inc. In the last five years, Mr. White served as a director of Motorola, Inc. and Tribune Company.

Mr. White is the chief executive officer of a large, complex pharmaceutical and biotechnology company. His skills include knowledge of cross-border operations, strategy and business development, risk assessment, finance, leadership development and succession planning, and corporate governance.

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Communications

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NON-MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS

Interested persons wishing to communicate directly with the Board or the non-management Directors, individually or as a group, may do so by sending written communications addressed to them at McDonald s Corporation, P.O. Box 4953, Oak Brook, IL 60522-4953 or by e-mail at mcdbod@us.mcd.com. Under the Board s policy for communications addressed to the Board, the Office of the Corporate Secretary collects mail from the Directors post office box and e-mail box, forwards correspondence directed to an individual Director to that Director, and screens correspondence directed to multiple Directors or the full Board in order to forward it to the most appropriate Committee Chairperson, the Chairman or the full Board. Communications to the Board, the non-management Directors or to any individual Director that relate to the Company s accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters are referred to the Chairperson of the Audit Committee. In order to ensure timely receipt of your communication by the Office of the Corporate Secretary, please address it as set forth in this Proxy Statement and send it only to the address or e-mail provided above.

CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY THE BOARD

Shareholders can suggest Director candidates for consideration for nomination by the Board by writing to the Governance Committee, c/o Office of the Corporate Secretary, McDonald s Corporation, One McDonald s Plaza, Department 010, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1928 or by e-mail to corporatesecretary@us.mcd.com. In order to ensure timely receipt of your communication by the Office of the Corporate Secretary, please address it as set forth in this Proxy Statement and send it only to the address or e-mail provided above. Shareholders should provide the candidate s name, biographical data, qualifications and the candidate s written consent to being named as a nominee in the Company s Proxy Statement and to serve as a Director, if elected.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY A SHAREHOLDER

For Director nominations to be properly brought before the 2012 Annual Shareholders Meeting by a shareholder, timely notice in writing must be given by the shareholder to the Office of the Corporate Secretary. With respect to the 2012 Annual Share-holders Meeting, notice will be timely if it is sent to the Office of the Corporate Secretary at McDonald s Corporation, One McDonald s Plaza, Department 010, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1928 or by e-mail to *corporatesecretary@us.mcd.com*, and delivered on or after 5:00 p.m. Central Time on January 20, 2012 and on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on February 19, 2012. In order to ensure timely receipt of your communication by the Office of the Corporate Secretary, please address it as set forth in this Proxy Statement and send it only to the address or e-mail provided above. A shareholder presenting a nominee for Director must satisfy certain other requirements set forth in the Company s By-Laws, which are available on the Company s website at www.governance.mcdonalds.com.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

Article II, Section 6 of the Company s By-Laws provide that, in order to be eligible for election as a Director, a candidate must deliver to the Corporate Secretary statements indicating whether

the candidate: (a) will deliver a resignation effective upon (i) failure to receive the required vote for election after a re-election and (ii) Board acceptance of such resignation; (b) is a party to any voting commitment that could limit the nominee s ability to carry out his/her fiduciary duties; (c) intends to refrain from entering into certain voting commitments; (d) is a party to any arrangements for compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service as a Director, or intends to enter into any such arrangement; and (e) intends to comply with the Company s publicly disclosed policies and guidelines. The foregoing is a summary of the requirements of Article II, Section 6 of the Company s By-Laws and is qualified by reference to the actual provisions of Article II, Section 6.

In addition, a Director candidate nominated by a shareholder for election at the 2012 Annual Shareholders Meeting will not be eligible for election unless the shareholder proposing the nominee has provided timely notice of the nomination in accordance with the deadlines specified under the section entitled Director candidates nominated by a shareholder and has otherwise complied with the other applicable requirements set forth in the By-Laws.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT YEAR S PROXY STATEMENT

To be considered for inclusion in the Company s Proxy Statement for the 2012 Annual Shareholders Meeting, shareholder proposals must be received by the Office of the Corporate Secretary no later than 5:00 pm Central Time on December 9, 2011. These proposals must be sent to the Office of the Corporate Secretary, McDonald s Corporation, One McDonald s Plaza, Department 010, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1928 or by e-mail to corporatesecretary@us.mcd.com. In order to ensure timely receipt of your communication by the Office of the Corporate Secretary, please address it as set forth in this Proxy Statement and send it only to the address or e-mail provided above. This notice requirement is in addition to the SEC s requirements that a shareholder must meet in order to have a shareholder proposal included in the Company s Proxy Statement.

OTHER SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE 2012 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

For any proposal that is not properly submitted for inclusion in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2012 Annual Shareholders' Meeting pursuant to the SEC's proxy rules, but is instead sought to be presented directly from the floor of the 2012 Annual Shareholders' Meeting, the Company's By-Laws require that timely notice must be given in writing to the Office of the Corporate Secretary. To be timely, the notice must be delivered to the Office of Corporate Secretary at McDonald's Corporation, One McDonald's Plaza, Department 010, Oak Brook, IL 60523-1928 or by e-mail to *corporatesecretary@us.mcd.com* on or after 5:00 p.m. Central Time on January 20, 2012 and on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on February 19, 2012. In order to ensure timely receipt of your communication by the Office of the Corporate Secretary, please address it as set forth in this Proxy Statement and send it only to the address or e-mail provided above. The By-Laws also provide that the proposal, as determined by the Chairman of the meeting, must be a proper subject for shareholder action under Delaware corporation law, and the proposal must satisfy certain other requirements set forth in the Company's By-Laws.

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Proposals to be voted on

MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL NO. 1.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board is divided into three classes, each having three-year terms that expire in successive years.

Nominees

The nominees for Director are: Susan E. Arnold, Richard H. Lenny, Cary D. McMillan, Sheila A. Penrose and James A. Skinner.

All of the nominees are standing for election as Directors at the 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting to hold office for three-year terms expiring in 2014. Five directorships are currently subject to election.

Your shares will be voted according to your instructions. If you return your signed proxy card but do not provide voting instructions, your shares will be voted **FOR** the election of the five nominees named above. The Company s By-Laws provide that nominees for Director are elected by majority vote, which means that a nominee is elected only if the votes cast for his/her election exceed the votes cast against his/her election (with abstentions and broker non-votes having no effect on the outcome of the election), except that Directors will be elected by plurality vote if the Corporate Secretary receives notice of a shareholder nomination for Director election in accordance with the By-Laws and that nomination is not withdrawn within a specified time period set forth in the By-Laws. Shareholders are permitted to nominate candidates for Director election only if they provide timely notice of a nomination in accordance with the Company s By-Laws. Directors will be elected by majority vote at the 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting.

Each of the incumbent Directors who is nominated for re-election at the 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting tendered an irrevocable resignation for the 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting that will be effective (i) if the nominee is not re-elected by the required vote for election at the Annual Shareholders Meeting; and (ii) if the Board accepts such resignation following the meeting. The Governance Committee will act on an expedited basis to determine whether or not to accept the nominee s resignation and will submit such recommendation for prompt consideration by the Board. The Governance Committee and the Board may consider any factors they deem appropriate and relevant in deciding whether or not to accept a nominee s resignation.

The Board of Directors expects all five nominees named above to be available for election. If any of them should become unavailable to serve as a Director for any reason prior to the Annual Shareholders Meeting, the Board may substitute another person as a nominee. In that case, your shares will be voted for that other person.

Biographical information for the Directors continuing in office and for the five nominees can be found beginning on page [] of this Proxy Statement.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR all five nominees.

PROPOSAL NO. 2.

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM TO SERVE AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR 2011

The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment of the independent auditors engaged by the Company. The Audit Committee has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditors for 2011. The Board is asking shareholders to approve this appointment. Ernst & Young LLP audited the Company s financial statements and internal control over financial reporting for 2010. A representative of that firm will be present at the Annual Shareholders Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement and answer questions.

See page [] of this Proxy Statement for additional information regarding the independent auditors, including a description of the Audit Committee s Policy for Pre-Approval of Audit and Permitted Non-Audit Services and a summary of Auditor Fees and Services.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to serve as independent auditors for 2011.

PROPOSAL NO. 3.

ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

As required by SEC rules, we are asking our shareholders to provide an advisory, nonbinding vote to approve the compensation awarded to our named executive officers, as we have described it in the Executive Compensation section of this Proxy Statement, beginning on page [].

As described in detail in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, the Compensation Committee oversees the program and compensation awarded, adopting changes to the program and awarding compensation as appropriate to reflect McDonald s circumstances and to promote the main objectives of the program. These objectives include: to compete effectively for and retain managerial talent, to reward profitable growth and increase shareholder returns, and to tie pay to performance effectively.

We are asking our shareholders to indicate their support for our named executive officer compensation. We believe that the information we have provided in this Proxy Statement demonstrates that our executive compensation program was designed appropriately and is working to ensure that management s interests are aligned with our shareholders interests to support long-term value creation.

You may vote for or against the following resolution, or you may abstain. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the philosophy, policies and procedures described in this Proxy Statement.

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Resolved, that the shareholders approve the compensation awarded to McDonald s named executive officers for 2010, as disclosed under SEC rules, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and related material included in this Proxy Statement.

While this vote is advisory and not binding on our Company, the Board and the Compensation Committee expect to consider the outcome of the vote, along with other relevant factors, when considering future executive compensation decisions.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR the approval of the foregoing resolution.

PROPOSAL NO. 4.

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE ADVISORY VOTES ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

In addition to providing our shareholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on executive compensation, we are also seeking an advisory, nonbinding vote on how frequently the advisory vote on executive compensation should be presented to shareholders, as required by SEC rules. You may vote your shares to have the advisory vote held annually, every two years or every three years, or you may abstain.

After careful consideration of this proposal, the Board of Directors recommends an annual vote. Our Board believes that this will allow our shareholders to provide us with your input on our compensation philosophy, policies and practices as disclosed in the proxy statement every year.

While this vote is advisory and not binding on our Company, the Board expects to take into account the outcome of the vote, along with other relevant factors, and when considering future advisory votes on executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR the option of ANNUAL advisory votes on executive compensation.

PROPOSALS NO. 5, 6 AND 7

ELIMINATE SUPER-MAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENTS IN RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

At the 2010 Annual Shareholders Meeting, shareholders approved an advisory proposal that requested the Board of Directors to take the steps necessary so that each shareholder voting requirement in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated By-Laws that calls for a greater than simple majority vote be changed to a majority vote. After careful consideration, the Board has adopted proposed amendments to eliminate the super-majority voting requirements in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, and, in the case of Article Twelfth, to repeal such Article.

The Board of Directors is requesting that shareholders approve Proposal Nos. 5, 6 and 7 to eliminate each of the super-majority voting requirements in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation at the 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting. The super-majority voting requirements included in our Restated

Certificate of Incorporation relate to (i) the sale of the Company s assets to, or merger of the Company with, a party that owns 2% or more of the Company s stock; (ii) the removal of Directors; and (iii) amendments to certain provisions of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation that govern the size and structure of the Board and how shareholders may take action.

You are being provided with an opportunity to vote separately on the amendments to each of the affected Articles of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and, in the case of Article TWELFTH, to repeal such Article, as described below under Proposal Nos. 5, 6 and 7.

In accordance with Delaware law, the Board of Directors has adopted resolutions approving and declaring advisable these proposed amendments and is recommending them to shareholders for approval. Under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, approval of Proposal No. 5 requires the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66-2/3% of the Company s outstanding common stock, and approval of each of Proposal Nos. 6 and 7 requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the Company s outstanding common stock.

Based on the outcome of the votes for Proposal Nos. 5, 6 and 7, the Board of Directors may consider amendments to provisions of the Company s Amended and Restated By-Laws that include super-majority voting requirements.

PROPOSAL NO. 5

ELIMINATE SUPER-MAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE TWELFTH OF OUR RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION BY REPEALING SUCH ARTICLE (TRANSACTIONS WITH INTERESTED SHAREHOLDERS)

Proposal No. 5 requests approval to eliminate the super-majority voting requirements in Article TWELFTH of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation by repealing Article TWELFTH, which relates to transactions with interested shareholders. Article TWELFTH provides that the Company may not approve the merger or consolidation of the Company with another corporation or sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company if a party to the transaction is an interested shareholder (i.e., a holder, of record or beneficially, of 2% or more of the Company s voting stock) without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66-2/3% of the Company s outstanding stock having voting power. Article TWELFTH also requires that any amendment to its terms must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66-2/3% of the Company s outstanding stock having voting power.

Under Delaware law, shareholders have the right, subject to limited exceptions, to vote on a merger or consolidation of the Company with another corporation and to vote on the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company. Under the default voting rights provided by Delaware law, these actions require approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the capital stock of the Company outstanding and entitled to vote thereon. The rights specified by Delaware law, as described in this paragraph, will apply to the Company shareholders if they approve the repeal of Article TWELFTH.

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The proposed changes are set forth below:

-TWELFTH: Subject to all other applicable provisions of this Restated Certificate of Incorporation and to all applicable provisions of the law of Delaware, relating, inter alia, to stockholder approval, the Board of Directors shall have the power to merge or consolidate the Corporation with another corporation or to sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation, including its good will and its corporate franchises, upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may be in whole or in part shares of stock in, and/or other securities of, any corporation or corporations, as the Board of Directors shall deem expedient and for the best interests of the Corporation, but, regardless of any other provision of this Restated Certificate of Incorporation, if any party to any such transaction shall be a person or entity owning, immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction, of record or beneficially, 2% or more of the stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding having voting power, such power of the Board of Directors shall be exercisable only when and as duly authorized by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% of the stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding having voting power given at a stockholders - meeting duly called for that purpose; provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall have the power to merge the Corporation with another corporation without action by the stockholders to the extent and in the manner permitted from time to time by the law of Delaware. In determining whether or not any person or entity (the Primary Holder) owns, of record or beneficially, 2% or more of the stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding having voting power, there shall be aggregated with all shares of such stock owned of record or beneficially by the Primary Holder (a) all shares of such stock owned of record or beneficially by any person or entity who or which would be deemed to be controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Primary Holder under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, any federal statute enacted to take the place of either or both such statutes or any regulation promulgated under either of such statutes or such successor statutes (an Affiliate) and (b) all shares of such stock owned of record or beneficially by any person or entity acting in concert with the Primary Holder and/or with an Affiliate of the Primary Holder. This Article Twelfth shall not be altered, amended or repealed except by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% of the stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding having voting power, given at a stockholders—meeting duly called for that purpose, upon a proposal adopted by the Board of Directors.

In the event shareholders approve the repeal of Article TWELFTH, then the remaining articles will be renumbered so that all references to Articles THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH and FIFTEENTH, respectively, will be replaced with references to Articles TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH and FOURTEENTH, respectively.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR this proposal to eliminate the super-majority voting requirements in Article TWELFTH of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation by repealing Article TWELFTH (Transactions With Interested Shareholders) in its entirety.

PROPOSAL NO. 6

ELIMINATE SUPER-MAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE THIRTEENTH OF OUR RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Proposal No. 6 requests approval to eliminate the super-majority voting requirements in Article THIRTEENTH of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation related to the Board of Directors. Article THIRTEENTH provides for the structure of, and processes and procedures related to, the Board of Directors. Among other things, this provision requires that the removal of any director for cause be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all the shares of the Company entitled to vote in the election of directors. Article THIRTEENTH also requires that any amendment to its terms must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of such voting power.

The amendments in this Proposal No. 6 would eliminate these super-majority voting requirements and replace them with provisions requiring the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the capital stock of the Company outstanding and entitled to vote on those actions (which is the minimum vote permitted by Delaware corporation law), as set forth below:

- (c) Removal. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, any director, or the entire Board of Directors, may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause and only by the affirmative votes of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all the shares of the Corporation entitled to vote for the election of directors a majority of the voting power of the capital stock of the Corporation outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.
- (d) Amendment, Repeal, Etc. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all of the shares of the Corporation entitled to vote for the election of directors a majority of the voting power of the capital stock of the Corporation outstanding and entitled to vote thereon shall be required to amend, alter or

repeal, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with, this Article Thirteenth.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR this proposal to eliminate the super-majority voting requirements in Article THIRTEENTH of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Board of Directors).

PROPOSAL NO. 7

ELIMINATE SUPER-MAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENT IN ARTICLE FOURTEENTH OF OUR RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION (SHAREHOLDER ACTION)

Proposal No. 7 requests approval to eliminate the super-majority voting requirement regarding shareholder amendments to Article FOURTEENTH of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which relates to the manner in which shareholders take action. Article FOURTEENTH requires that any amendment to its terms must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all shares of the Company entitled to vote in the election of directors.

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The amendment in this Proposal No. 7 would eliminate this super-majority voting requirement and replace it with a provision requiring the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the capital stock of the Company outstanding and entitled to vote on amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation (which is the minimum vote permitted by Delaware corporation law), as set forth below:

FOURTEENTH: Stockholder Action. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders of the Corporation must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation and may not be effected by any consent in writing by such stockholders. Special meetings of stockholders of the Corporation may be called upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days written notice only by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Restated Certificate of Incorporation to the contrary, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of all of the shares of the Corporation entitled to vote for the election of directors a majority of the voting power of the capital stock of the Corporation outstanding and entitled to vote thereon shall be required to amend, alter or repeal, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with, this Article Fourteenth.

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR this proposal to eliminate the super-majority voting requirement in Article FOURTEENTH of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Shareholder Action).

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

In accordance with SEC regulations, the shareholder proposals and supporting statements are presented below as submitted by the shareholders and are quoted verbatim (including the use of bolding and italics). The Company disclaims all responsibility for the content of the proposals and the supporting statements, including sources referenced in the supporting statements.

PROPOSAL NO. 8

ADVISORY VOTE ON SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATING TO CLASSIFIED BOARD

The State Board of Administration of Florida advised the Company that it intends to present the following shareholder proposal at the Annual Shareholders Meeting. The proponent owns 2,529,660 shares of the Company s common stock. The address of the proponent is available upon request by calling 1-630-623-2553 or by sending a request to McDonald s Corporation, Shareholder Services, Department 720, One McDonald s Plaza, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Shareholder proposal

PROPOSAL TO REPEAL CLASSIFIED BOARD

RESOLVED, that shareholders of McDonald s Corporation urge the Board of Directors to take all necessary steps (other than any steps that must be taken by shareholders) to eliminate the classification of the Board of Directors, and to require that, commencing no later than the annual meeting of 2013, all directors stand for elections annually.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

This resolution, submitted by the Florida State Board of Administration with the assistance of the American Corporate Governance Institute, LLC, urges the board of directors to facilitate a declassification of the board. Such a change would enable shareholders to register their views on the performance of all directors at each annual meeting. Having directors stand for elections annually makes directors more accountable to shareholders, and could thereby contribute to improving performance and increasing firm value.

Over the past decade, many S&P 500 companies have declassified their board of directors. According to FactSet Research Systems, between 2000 and 2009, the number of S&P 500 companies with classified boards declined from 300 to 164. Furthermore, according to Georgeson reports, there were 187 shareholder proposals to declassify boards during the five proxy seasons of 2006 through 2010. The average percentage of votes cast in favor of proposals to declassify exceeded 65% in each of these five years.

The significant shareholder support for proposals to declassify boards is consistent with evidence in academic studies that classified boards could be associated with lower firm valuation and/or worse corporate decision-making. Studies report that:

takeover targets with classified boards are associated with lower gains to shareholders (Bebchuk, Coates, and Subramanian, 2002);

classified boards are associated with lower firm valuation (Bebchuk and Cohen, 2005);

firms with classified boards are more likely to be associated with value-decreasing acquisition decisions (Masulis, Wang, and Xie, 2007); and

classified boards are associated with lower sensitivity of compensation to performance and lower sensitivity of CEO turnover to firm performance (Faleye, 2007).

Although one study (Bates, Becher and Lemmon, 2008) reports that classified boards are associated with higher takeover premiums, this study also reports that classified boards are associated with a lower likelihood of an acquisition, and that classified boards are associated with lower firm valuation.

Please vote for this proposal to make directors more accountable to shareholders.

[Statement in Opposition to be inserted.]

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PROPOSAL NO. 9

ADVISORY VOTE ON SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATING TO ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

John Chevedden advised the Company that he intends to present the following shareholder proposal at the Annual Shareholders Meeting. The proponent owns 60 shares of the Company s common stock. The address of the proponent is available upon request by calling 1-630-623-2553 or by sending a request to McDonald s Corporation, Shareholder Services, Department 720, One McDonald s Plaza, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

9 - Elect Each Director Annually

RESOLVED, shareholders ask that our Company take the steps necessary to reorganize the Board of Directors into one class with each director subject to election each year and to complete this transition within one-year.

Arthur Levitt, former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission said, In my view it s best for the investor if the entire board is elected once a year. Without annual election of each director shareholders have far less control over who represents them.

In 2010 over 70% of S&P 500 companies had annual election of directors. Shareholder resolutions on this topic won an average of 68%-support in 2009.

This proposal topic is one of several proposal topics that often win high shareholder support, such as the Simple Majority Vote proposal that won our 70%-support at our 2010 annual meeting. This 70%-support even translated into 50.3% of all shares outstanding.

It is important that our company implement this proposal promptly. If our company took more than one-year to phase in this proposal it could create conflict among our directors. Directors with 3-year terms could be more

casual because they would not stand for election immediately while directors with one-years terms would be under more immediate pressure. It could work out to the detriment of our company that our company s most qualified directors would promptly have one year-terms and that our company s least qualified directors would retain 3-year terms the longest.

The merit of this Elect Each Director Annually proposal should also be considered in the context of the need for improvement in our company s 2010 reported corporate governance status:

The Corporate Library www.thecorporatelibrary.com, an independent investment research firm, rated our company D with High Governance Risk and High Concern regarding Takeover Defenses and executive pay - \$20 million for our CEO James Skinner. Part of the \$20 million was even based on subjective assessment.

Four directors had 12 to 21-years long tenure (independence concern). And such directors were allowed to have at least 50% of the seats on our key Audit and Nomination Committees and also chair these committees. A CEO was even allowed to sit on our executive Pay committee - Robert Eckert. There have been shareholder proposals to exclude CEOs from a seat on an Executive Pay Committee due to the conflict of interest

As for future trends in director selection, Miles White, one of our newest directors, brings to our Board experience with the D-rated Abbott Laboratories.

We also had no shareholder right to proxy access, no cumulative voting, no right to call a special shareholder meeting, no shareholder written consent and no right of selection by majority vote on certain key issues.

Please encourage our board to respond positively to this proposal to help turnaround the above type practices: **Elect Each Director Annually - Yes on 9.**

[Statement in Opposition to be inserted.]

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PROPOSAL NO. 10

ADVISORY VOTE ON SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATING TO THE USE OF CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERE STUNNING

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals advised the Company that it intends to present the following shareholder proposal at the Annual Shareholders Meeting. The proponent owns 51 shares of the Company s common stock. The address of the proponent is available upon request by calling 1-630-623-2553 or by sending a request to McDonald s Corporation, Shareholder Services, Department 720, One McDonald s Plaza, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Shareholder proposal

RESOLVED, that to advance the company s financial interests and the welfare of chickens killed for its restaurants, shareholders encourage the board to require the company s chicken suppliers to switch to controlled-atmosphere killing (CAK) within four years.

Supporting statement

The industry is rapidly moving toward CAK in an effort to improve animal welfare, with at least two chicken processers transitioning to CAK in 2011. It is only a matter of time until the rest of the industry follows suit and implements this less cruel, improved method of slaughter.

McDonald s suppliers current slaughter method is cruel and inefficient. Consider the following:

McDonald s poultry suppliers use electric immobilization in their slaughterhouses. This involves shackling live birds, shocking them with electrified water in a stun bath, cutting their throats, and removing their feathers in tanks of scalding-hot water.

Birds often suffer broken bones, bruising, and hemorrhaging during the shackling process, which lowers product quality and yield. They also scratch and peck at each other, which increases carcass contamination.

Because the electric current in the stun bath is kept too low to effectively render birds unconscious, many have their throats cut while they are still able to feel pain.

Birds are often scalded to death in defeathering tanks. When this happens, they often defecate, further decreasing yield and increasing the likelihood of contamination.

Frenzied birds flap their wings, kick workers, and vomit and defecate on them, leading to increased worker injuries and illness and poor overall ergonomics.

CAK is better for the birds welfare and more efficient. Consider the following benefits:

With CAK, birds who are still in their transport crates are placed in chambers, where their oxygen is replaced with a nonpoisonous gas that puts them to sleep.

Every published report on CAK and all meat-industry scientific advisors with a demonstrated interest in animal welfare-including Drs. Temple Grandin, Mohan Raj, and Ian Duncan-have concluded that it is superior to electric immobilization with regard to animal welfare. Because there is no live shackling or live scalding, product quality and yield are greatly improved, and contamination is drastically decreased. And because workers never handle live birds, ergonomics improve, injury and illness rates decrease, and the opportunities for

workers to abuse live birds are eliminated.

McDonald s has the ability to leverage its financial and industry power to require its suppliers to adopt this less cruel slaughter method for poultry and move the industry in the right direction, like many of its competitors are already doing. The following companies are moving toward sourcing birds from suppliers that use CAK or already do so: Chipotle, Starbucks, KFCs in Canada, Ruby Tuesday, Subway, Quiznos, Kroger, A&P, Harris Teeter, Subway, and Winn-Dixie.

We urge shareholders to support this socially and ethically responsible resolution.

[Statement in Opposition to be inserted.]

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PROPOSAL NO. 11

ADVISORY VOTE ON SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATING TO A REPORT ON CHILDREN S NUTRITION

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica, Trinity Health, Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes, Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel, Sisters of St. Dominic, Congregation of the Most Holy Name, Benedictine Sisters of Boerne, Texas, Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mercy Investment Services Inc., Adrian Dominican Sisters, Sisters of Saint Dominic of Tacoma, Catholic Health East, Friends Fiduciary and Catholic Healthcare Partners advised the Company that they intend to present the following shareholder proposal at the Annual Shareholders Meeting. The lead proponent, The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, owns at least \$2,000 of the Company s common stock. The address of the proponent is available upon request by calling 1-630-623-2553 or by sending a request to McDonald s Corporation, Shareholder Services, Department 720, One McDonald s Plaza, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Shareholder proposal

Risk Evaluation: Childhood Obesity

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WHEREAS, the contribution of the fast food industry to the global epidemic of childhood obesity and to diet-related diseases, such as diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular disease, have become a major public issue:

- * The Centers for Disease Control claims that 1 in 3 US children born in the year 2000 will be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes as a result of childhood obesity.
- * In 2005, the National Academies Institute of Medicine (10M) conducted a study concluding that fast food marketing influences children s food preferences, diets and health in the US.
- * In a 2009 follow-up report, the IOM recommended that local governments take such actions as adopting zoning policies that restrict fast food establishments near schools and playgrounds and implementing zoning to limit the density of fast food restaurants in residential communities.
- * A 2010 study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research found the annual estimated cost of treating obesity is \$168 billion; 16.5 percent of the country s total medical care costs.

Growing public concerns have spurred action by public policy makers:

- * The World Health Organization developed recommendations regarding marketing of unhealthy foods to children that urges governments to enact policies to reduce the impact of food marketing on children.
- * In 2005, Congress subpoenaed 44 food companies, including our company, to submit data to the Federal Trade Commission regarding the extent and expenditures of their marketing. The FTC is currently planning a follow-up report.
- * In November 2009, a bill, The Healthy Kids Act, was introduced in Congress with the intent of curbing childhood obesity. The bill seeks to give the FTC and relevant federal agencies regulatory authority over food marketing.

- * On April 27, 2010, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance that banned toys and other promotions that come with children s meals that exceed set levels of calories, fat, salt, and sugar. A similar measure was adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 2010.
- * The Affordable Care Act, signed into law on March 23, 2010, included federal menu-labeling legislation requiring the posting of calories on fast food menu boards.

In November 2009, the Center for Science in the Public Interest released a report demonstrating that 88 percent of the products that our company had deemed appropriate to market to children under the industry s voluntary marketing initiative, the Children s Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative, met no third-party nutrition standard.

RESOLVED: Shareholders ask the Board of Directors to issue a report, at reasonable expense and excluding proprietary information, within six months of the 2011 annual meeting, assessing the company s policy responses to public concerns regarding linkages of fast food to childhood obesity, diet-related diseases and other impacts on children s health. Such report should include an assessment of the potential impacts of public concerns and evolving public policy on the company s finances and operations.

[Statement in Opposition to be inserted.]

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PROPOSAL NO. 12

ADVISORY VOTE ON SHAREHOLDER PROPOSAL RELATING TO BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Ruth Valere Adar advised the Company that she intends to present the following shareholder proposal at the Annual Shareholders Meeting. The proponent owns at least \$2,000 of the Company s common stock. The address of the proponent is available upon request by calling 1-630-623-2553 or by sending a request to McDonald s Corporation, Shareholder Services, Department 720, One McDonald s Plaza, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Shareholder proposal

WHEREAS McDonald s Corp. has repeatedly emphasized its commitment to environmental leadership, yet continues to use polystyrene-based beverage cups 20 years after phasing out use of polystyrene-based clamshell food containers due to its negative environmental impact.

The Sustainable Packaging Coalition, of which McDonald s is a member, defines sustainable packaging as beneficial, safe & healthy for individuals and communities throughout its life cycle. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has determined that styrene, used in the production of polystyrene, is a possible human carcinogen. In 2009, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment proposed that styrene be listed as a known human carcinogen. Several epidemiologic studies suggest an association between occupational styrene exposure and an increased risk of leukemia and lymphoma.

Polystyrene is not widely recycled and has become pervasive in the marine environment, carried through storm drains to the ocean. Polystyrene breaks down into small indigestible pellets which animals perceive as food, resulting in the death of birds and marine mammals, 46 cities and counties in California have banned or restricted the use of polystyrene food packaging.

The company says it uses an eco-filter tool to inform packaging decisions, focusing on minimizing weight, maximizing recycled materials, preference for renewable and certified sustainably managed materials, minimizing the amount of harmful chemicals used in production, reducing CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions and maximizing end-of-life options like recycling. McDonald s states that it continually searches for best practices to ensure that product materials and design, their manufacture, distribution and use minimize lifecycle impacts on the environment. The company also states in its 2009 Corporate Responsibility Report that it continues exploring ways to reduce the environmental impacts of our consumer packaging and waste in our restaurant operations.

A chief competitor that retails hot beverages has made significant environmental commitments in regard to containers. Starbucks uses 10% recycled paper fiber in its hot beverage cups. It has made a public commitment to recycle all post-consumer paper and plastic cups discarded in company owned stores by 2015. It offers a discount for customers who bring reusable beverage containers into stores, and pledged to serve 25% of beverages made in its stores from reusable containers by 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Shareowners of McDonald s request that the board of directors issue a report assessing its progress and describing policy options for implementing the company s environmental policies to ensure more environmentally beneficial beverage containers such as incorporating a comprehensive container recycling strategy, including recycled content goals and container recovery goals, and considering relative environmental impacts of different types of beverage containers. The board shall prepare a report by November 1, 2011 on the company s efforts to achieve this strategy. The report, to be prepared at reasonable cost, may omit confidential information.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

We believe the requested report is in the best interest of McDonald s and its shareholders. Leadership in this area will protect our brand and enhance the company s reputation.

[Statement in Opposition to be inserted.]

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Stock ownership

STOCK OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES

The Company imposes minimum stock ownership guidelines for Directors and senior officers. These guidelines are available on the Company s website at www.governance.mcdonalds.com.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table shows all beneficial owners of more than five percent of the Company s common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2010:

Name and address of

	Amount and nature of	Percent of
beneficial owner	beneficial ownership	class (2)
BlackRock, Inc. (1)	53,390,500	5.03%
40 East 52nd Street		
New York, NY 10022		

- (1) Reflects shares deemed to be beneficially owned by BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock), directly or through its subsidiaries, as of December 31, 2010, according to a statement on Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 7, 2011, which indicates that BlackRock, an investment adviser, has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to all of the shares. The Schedule 13G/A certifies that the securities were acquired in the ordinary course and not with the purpose or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of McDonald s.
- (2) Based on the number of outstanding shares of common stock on December 31, 2010.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The following table shows the ownership of the common stock and common stock equivalent units for the named individuals and the group as of March 1, 2011, except as noted below. Directors and executive officers as a group owned (directly, indirectly and through benefit plans) [less than 1.0%] of the Company s common stock:

Common	Stock	
stock	equivalents	
(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	(6)	Total
	7,510	7,510
25,000	31,973	56,973
11,108	54,421	65,529
12,250	41,196	53,446
	stock (1)(2)(3)(4)(5) 25,000 11,108	stock equivalents (1)(2)(3)(4)(5) (6) 7,510 25,000 31,973

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Richard H. Lenny	2,000	16,877	18,877
Walter E. Massey	5,750	24,418	30,168
Andrew J. McKenna	49,408	87,491	136,899
Cary D. McMillan	15,784	23,413	39,197
Sheila A. Penrose	3,000	10,911	13,911
John W. Rogers, Jr.	92,600	28,883	121,483
James A. Skinner			
Roger W. Stone	36,000	89,087	125,087
Donald Thompson			
Miles D. White	5,000	2,782	7,782
Denis Hennequin (7)	176,182	1,466	177,648
Directors and executive officers as a group (the Group)(26 persons)			

(1)	Beneficial ownership of shares that are owned by members of their immediate families directly or through trusts is disclaimed as follows:
	Directors McKenna, 640; and Rogers, 100.

(2)	Includes unallocat	ed shares held in the	Company s Profit Sh	naring and Savings Plan as	follows: Directors Skinner, []; and
	Thompson, []; Mr. Bensen, []; Ms. Fields [] and the Group, [].	

(3) Includes shares that could be purchased by exercise of stock options on or within 60 days after March 1, 2011 (for Mr. Hennequin, on or within 60 days after November 30, 2010; see footnote (7) below), under the Company s option plans as follows: Directors Eckert, 15,000; Jackson, 10,000; McKenna, 4,998; Rogers, 15,000; Skinner, 1,327,888; Stone, 18,000 (options are held by a trust, of which Mr. Stone is Trustee) and Thompson, 291,868; Messrs. Bensen, 129,581; Fenton, 97,211; and Hennequin, 69,646; and Ms. Fields, 202,257; and the Group, 2,681,725.

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- (4) Directors and executive officers as a group have sole voting and investment power over shares of common stock listed in the prior table except as follows: (i) shared voting and investment powers for shares held by Directors Eckert, 10,000; Hernandez, 11,108; Jackson, 2,250; Lenny, 2,000; Skinner, 97,964; and Thompson, 253; Mr. Fenton, 2,441; and the Group, 162,821; (ii) for the benefit of children, shares held by Mr. Fenton, 3,159; and the Group, 3,242; (iii) for Mr. Skinner, 2,926 shares are held in a trust of which his spouse is a trustee; and (iv) 18,000 shares held by a family foundation as to which Director Stone maintains voting and/or transfer rights.
- (5) For Mr. Rogers, includes 77,500 shares of common stock held in a margin account.
- (6) Includes common stock equivalent units credited under the Company s retirement plans and the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, which are payable in cash. In addition, for Mr. Hennequin, includes shares credited to his Plan d Épargne Entreprise account as of November 30, 2010.
- (7) All amounts reported for Mr. Hennequin are as of November 30, 2010, as a result of his retirement on that date as President, McDonald s Europe.

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Executive compensation

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

The Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed the Company s Compensation Discussion and Analysis with McDonald s management. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

The Compensation Committee

Robert A. Eckert, Chairman

Susan E. Arnold

Richard H. Lenny

John W. Rogers, Jr.

Miles D. White

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

McDonald s executive compensation program supports our long-term business plan, the Plan to Win. The key objectives of our executive compensation program are: to motivate our executives to increase profitability and shareholder returns; to pay compensation that varies based on performance; and to compete for and retain managerial talent.

Our pay package includes base salary, our annual bonus plan, which we refer to as TIP, our long-term cash incentive plan, which we refer to as CPUP, and stock options and restricted stock units, each as described below. We seek to align metrics under our pay package with our main objective long-term sustainable growth. Operating income is therefore a key focus. The level of operating income growth measures how effectively management has grown comparable sales by executing our strategic initiatives. It also measures how well management has managed costs and deployed capital to achieve strong cash flow that we can reinvest in the business and return to shareholders. In short, operating income is the best measure of whether we are achieving our goal to grow by being better, and not just bigger.

We also believe using a variety of performance metrics is important to promote a balanced evaluation of executive performance, just as we believe a mix of awards is important to balance incentives and mitigate risk. For this reason, we also consider return on total assets and earnings per share as additional perspectives about how well management is executing the Plan to Win. Although our stock price is affected by many factors apart from our performance, we believe it should also be an important driver of compensation to align management and shareholder interests. Our pay package includes significant equity-based incentives, and we use total return to shareholders relative to the S&P 500 Index as a performance metric in our CPUP. The table on page [] further describes the primary quantitative metrics

we use and how we incorporate them into our pay package. We complement them with other measures, some of which are qualitative and more subjective in their application.

In 2010, McDonald s performance for the year was very strong, resulting in TIP payouts well above target levels. Highlights of our performance in 2010 include the following:

- > 2010 was McDonald s seventh consecutive year of positive comparable sales growth in every geographic segment, with a global increase of 5.0% over 2009.
- > 2010 operating income increased by 9% (9% in constant currencies) to \$7.47 billion.
- > Earnings per share was \$4.58, an increase of 11% (11% in constant currencies).
- > We returned \$5.1 billion to our shareholders through share repurchases and dividends paid in 2010.
- > Our total return to investors for the year ended December 31, 2010 was 27%, which was third among the 30 companies that comprise the Dow Jones Industrial Average.
- > For the three-year and five-year periods ending December 31, 2010, our compound annual rate of return to investors was 13% and 21%, respectively.

Over the last five years, we have produced consistent year-over-year growth in operating income (excluding one-time charges associated with our Latin American business in 2007) and have paid TIP bonuses for each year despite an exceptionally challenging global economic and operating environment.

KEY TERMS

We use the following terms in describing our compensation plans, measures of Company performance and other aspects of our executive compensation program.

COMPANY COMPENSATION PLANS

TIP. Target Incentive Plan. Our annual cash incentive plan.

CPUP. Cash Performance Unit Plan. Our three-year cash incentive plan.

RSUs. Restricted stock units. An RSU provides the right to receive a share of McDonald s stock (or, at the Company s discretion, the equivalent cash value). RSUs granted to executives generally have both service and performance-based vesting requirements.

OUANTITATIVE MEASURES OF COMPANY PERFORMANCE

Operating income, ROTA and EPS are based on the corresponding measures reported in our financial statements and are adjusted for purposes of our compensation program. For more information about adjustments in measuring performance, see page [].

Operating income. Profit attributed to the operations.

ROTA. Return on total assets (operating income divided by average assets).

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EPS. Earnings per share (net income divided by diluted weighted-average shares). Diluted weighted-average shares include weighted-average shares outstanding plus the dilutive effect of share-based compensation.

TSR. Total shareholder return. The total return on our shares over a specified period, expressed as a percentage (calculated based on the change in our stock price over the relevant measurement period and assuming reinvestment of dividends).

GROUPS OF COMPANY EMPLOYEES

Staff. Company employees, including home office, divisional office and regional office employees.

Senior management. Employees at the level of senior vice president and above; about 50 employees.

Executives. The 12 most senior executives of the Company.

Named executive officers (NEOs). The following six executives compensation is described in this Proxy Statement, pursuant to SEC requirements.

- > James A. Skinner, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer or CEO
- > Peter J. Bensen, Chief Financial Officer or CFO
- > Donald Thompson, President and Chief Operating Officer or President/COO
- > Timothy J. Fenton, President of McDonald s Asia/Pacific, Middle East and Africa, or APMEA (based in Asia through April, 2010. Mr. Fenton relocated to the U.S. thereafter.)
- > Janice L. Fields, President of McDonald s USA
- > Denis Hennequin, former President of McDonald s Europe (based in Europe). Mr. Hennequin resigned from the Company effective November 30, 2010.

OTHER

Total direct compensation. Base salary, TIP, CPUP, stock options and RSUs.

Total direct compensation opportunity for 2010. The targeted value of direct compensation that the NEOs had an opportunity to earn in 2010 for target performance.

Committee. The Compensation Committee of the Company s Board of Directors.

AOWs. The Company s geographic business units, namely the U.S., Europe and APMEA.

McDONALD S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

KEY OBJECTIVES

The Company s executive compensation program focuses on achieving three key objectives:

- Motivating our executives to increase profitability and shareholder returns
- Varying compensation based upon performance

¡ Competing for and retaining managerial talent QUANTITATIVE PERFORMANCE FACTORS

The following table highlights the primary quantitative performance measures the Company uses in its executive compensation program. The rationale for the use of each measure is explained below in the detailed discussions of each element of compensation.

			Stock	
Performance measure	TIP	CPUP	options	RSUs
Operating income	X	X		
ROTA		X		
EPS				X
Share price			X	X
TSR QUALITATIVE PERFORMANCE FACTORS		X		

Determinations of base salary, TIP payouts and annual equity-based compensation grants take into account qualitative aspects of individual performance, as well as potential for future performance. A multiplier based on the assessment of individual performance is used in calculating final TIP awards and has significant potential to affect the amount of such awards, as described on page []. For example, in 2010, the key priorities for our CEO were:

- > Long-term sustainable growth
- > Talent management and leadership development
- > Balanced, active lifestyles initiatives

ELEMENTS OF McDONALD S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

ALLOCATION OF TOTAL DIRECT COMPENSATION AMONG THE ELEMENTS

Approximately 78% of the NEOs total direct compensation opportunity for 2010 was allocated to variable compensation that is at-risk based on performance, including short-term and long-term incentive compensation.

Long-term incentive compensation is allocated approximately two thirds to equity-based compensation and one third to long-term cash incentive compensation under the CPUP. 70% of the equity-based compensation is granted in the form of stock options and 30% in the form of RSUs.

The following charts illustrate the allocation of total direct compensation opportunity for 2010 between fixed and variable elements, as well as between short- and long-term elements.

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Because they illustrate compensation opportunity for 2010, the charts reflect target TIP, an annualized portion of target CPUP, and the grant date fair value of stock options and RSUs granted in 2010. Actual TIP payouts were above target, reflecting our results. Executives have the opportunity to earn the full number of RSUs covered by their awards only if applicable EPS performance targets and service requirements are met.

DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT ELEMENTS OF COMPENSATION

> Annual base salary

In setting base salary levels annually, we take into account competitive considerations (including local market conditions), individual performance, tenure in position, internal pay equity, and the effect on our general and administrative expenses. For 2010, the Company used the 50th percentile of salaries paid to executives in comparable positions at companies in our peer group to inform its decision regarding salary. On an individual basis, salaries are then adjusted as necessary and set above or below the 50th percentile based on individual circumstances. For example, in 2010, our CEO s base salary was around the 75th percentile due to his tenure and strong contributions to the success of the Company. In 2010, NEOs base salaries were increased by between 2.85% and 8.33%, except for Mr. Thompson, who received a 39.1% increase in connection with his promotion to President/COO, and Ms. Fields, who received a 14.7% increase in connection with her promotion to President of McDonald s USA.

> TIP

Our TIP is designed primarily to reward growth in operating income, which measures the success of the most important elements of our business strategy. Operating income growth requires the Company to balance increases in revenue with financial discipline to produce strong margins and a high level of cash flow. The individual performance of our executives is also an important part of their TIP award.

Operating income is measured on a consolidated (referred to as Corporate) basis or an AOW basis, or a combination of the two, depending on the participant s responsibilities. If there is no growth in operating income, the TIP formula results in no payouts. In addition to operating income growth, final TIP payouts take into account pre-established modifiers reflecting other measures of Corporate and/or AOW performance (such as, for 2010, comparable guest count increases, customer service improvements and corporate G&A management). In addition to Company performance, TIP payouts are adjusted based on the application of an individual performance factor (up to 150% in 2010) which may act as a multiplier and can have a significant effect, whether positive or negative, in determining the final payout amount (final payouts are capped at 250% of target). The description following the Grants of Plan Based Awards table on page [] provides additional details on how each element of performance translates into actual TIP payouts.

Target awards for our executives for 2010 were set at approximately the 60-65th percentile of target awards granted to individuals in comparable positions at companies in our peer group.

In 2010, operating income growth exceeded the targets under the TIP for each AOW and Corporate. Further, performance by each AOW and Corporate met or exceeded the pre-established targets for each modifier.

The operating income targets and results under the 2010 TIP are shown in the following table:

(Dollars in millions)	Target 2010 operating income*	2010 operating income*	Target 2010 operating income growth over 2009*	2010 operating income growth over 2009*
Corporate	\$7,242.7	\$7,489.1	6.8%	10.5%
U.S.	3,404.6	3,461.5	5.4	7.1
APMEA	1,086.1	1,131.3	9.8	14.4

^{*} Adjusted for compensation purposes as described on page [].

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In addition (as reflected in the table on page []), the NEOs qualitative individual performance factors were all above 100%.

Consistent with our 2010 results, our executives TIP awards were well above target. The target awards and final TIP payouts for the NEOs are shown in the following table:

			TIP final
			payment as
	Target TIP	TIP final	percentage
Named executive officer	award	payout	of target
James A. Skinner	\$ 2,160,000	\$ 4,500,000	208.3%
Peter J. Bensen	650,000	1,296,000	199.4
Donald Thompson	991,200	1,855,000	187.1
Timothy J. Fenton	496,400	961,000	193.6
Janice L. Fields	487,945	780,000	159.9
Denis Hennequin	566,822	0*	0.0

* Mr. Hennequin did not receive a payout under TIP due to his resignation in November, 2010. Additional detail about the NEOs 2010 TIP awards begins on page [].

> CPUP

Senior management is eligible for triennial long-term cash incentive awards under CPUP that primarily focus on performance other than stock price. The Committee approved new CPUP awards in February 2010 for the performance period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. Participants will not receive any payout under the 2010-2012 CPUP until after the performance period ends. The Committee determined a target award for each NEO based on his/her respective level of responsibility and on our practice to allocate approximately one third of long-term incentive compensation opportunities to CPUP. As with the 2007-2009 CPUP, final payouts will be determined based on the following three quantitative measures over the three-year performance period: consolidated compound annual growth in operating income (weighted 75%), average ROTA (weighted 25%) and TSR relative to the S&P 500 Index (+/-15% multiplier). No final awards will be earned unless threshold levels of the operating income and ROTA measures are both met.

The Company believes the combination of operating income growth and ROTA provide the appropriate balance in a long-term plan as operating income growth focuses on the key elements of growing our business (as previously discussed) and ROTA measures the efficiency of our capital investments. The Company believes that the TSR multiplier rewards above-market performance while holding senior management accountable for below-market performance.

The matrix below shows examples of 2010-2012 CPUP payouts (prior to adjustment based on the TSR multiplier) as a percentage of the target award at different levels (threshold, target and maximum) of operating income and ROTA:

Average			
	Threshold	Target	Maximum
2010-2012	0%	100%	200%
Consolidated compound operating income growth*	1.5%	6.5%	11.5%
ROTA*	22.0	25.0	27.0

* Adjusted for compensation purposes as described on page [].

> Stock options

Stock options, including those granted in 2010, have an exercise price equal to the closing price of our common stock on the grant date, a term of ten years and vest ratably over four years. The Company s policies and practices regarding stock option grants, including the timing of grants

and the determination of the exercise price, are described on page [].

> RSUs

The RSUs granted to executives in 2010 are scheduled to cliff vest at the end of a three-year service period, subject to the Company s achievement of increased EPS over that period. The target performance level for the RSUs granted to executives in 2010 is 6% compounded annual growth in EPS on a cumulative basis over baseline 2009 EPS of \$3.97. If target performance is achieved, the full number of RSUs covered by the award will be eligible to vest. Achievement of above target performance does not increase the number of RSUs earned, but below target performance does reduce the number of RSUs that will vest.

Although the value of RSUs is linked to our stock price, the performance-based vesting conditions based upon EPS growth require the executives to achieve the Company s strategic objectives in order to receive the awards. The Company believes that EPS growth is a strong indicator of effective strategic growth.

All of the RSUs granted to the NEOs in 2007 vested in 2010 based on the achievement of 17.7% compounded annual EPS growth over the performance period, which exceeded the target of 7%.

> Retirement savings plans

The NEOs who are currently employed by the Company participate in our broad-based tax-efficient defined contribution retirement savings plan.

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> Severance and change in control arrangements

Severance plan. Messrs. Bensen, Thompson and Fenton, and Ms. Fields participate in our severance plan, a broad-based plan that provides severance benefits to certain U.S. employees based on their level within the Company and years of service. The severance plan is described on page [].

<u>Change in control employment agreements</u>. The Company has change in control employment agreements with its active NEOs. Benefits under the change in control employment agreements are described under Potential Payments Upon Termination of Employment or Change in Control beginning on page [].

Executive Retention Replacement Plan (ERRP). Mr. Skinner participates in the Executive Retention Replacement Plan or ERRP. Since Mr. Skinner fulfilled the retention period and satisfies the retirement age requirement under the ERRP, he is entitled to retire at any time and receive certain cash benefits, as well as the vesting of all of his outstanding equity awards. Stock options would continue to become exercisable on their originally scheduled dates and RSUs would be paid out on the originally scheduled dates, based on the Company s achievement of the applicable performance goals. In addition, Mr. Skinner would receive substantially similar economic benefits if his employment is terminated for any reason other than death, disability or cause. Mr. Skinner s receipt of benefits under the ERRP is subject to the execution of an agreement that includes covenants not to compete, not to solicit employees, nondisparagement and nondisclosure covenants as well as a release of claims.

Denis Hennequin resignation. Pursuant to a Settlement Agreement under French law, upon Mr. Hennequin s resignation, he received a settlement amount of \$414,525 (310,000); an expatriate premium of \$58,657; amounts in respect of 42 days of accrued and unused vacation; and the ability to exercise any vested stock options until February 28, 2011, subject to certain sale restrictions on the underlying shares. Mr. Hennequin forfeited all unvested stock options and RSUs. In accordance with his employment contract, Mr. Hennequin remains subject to a one-year covenant not to compete and other customary restrictive covenants, including a two-year non-solicit covenant, in exchange for monthly payments equal to his former monthly salary for a period of up to one year. Mr. Hennequin has also waived all claims against the Company relating to his resignation of employment.

> Perquisites and other fringe benefits

McDonald s provides the following limited perquisites to executives: Company-provided cars or an allowance, financial planning, annual physical examinations (which are also available for the executives—spouses), limited executive security, matching charitable donations, limited personal items and, generally in the case of the CEO only, personal use of the Company—s aircraft. See footnote [] to the Summary Compensation Table on page [] for a discussion of perquisites. Executives also participate in all of the broad-based benefit and welfare plans and perquisites available to McDonald—s employees in general.

CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS IN MEASURING PERFORMANCE

In measuring performance against financial metrics, the Committee focuses on the fundamentals of the underlying business performance and makes adjustments for items that are not indicative of ongoing results. For example, operating income and EPS are expressed in constant currencies (i.e., excluding the effects of foreign currency translation), since we believe that period-to-period changes in foreign exchange rates can cause our reported results to appear more or less favorable than business fundamentals would indicate. The Committee's approach to other types of adjustments is subject to pre-established guidelines to provide clarity in how it views the business when evaluating management seprformance. Charges/credits that may be excluded from operating income include: strategic items (such as restructurings, acquisitions and divestitures); regulatory items (changes in tax or accounting rules); and external items (such as natural disasters). Similar principles apply to exclusions from EPS and when calculating ROTA.

Significant items excluded in calculating adjusted operating income for 2010 TIP include:

- > Charges related to certain strategic Japan store closings; and
- > Pretax income related to the resolution of certain liabilities retained in connection with the 2007 Latin America developmental license transaction

Significant items excluded from base EPS (2009 EPS) for the RSUs granted to the executives in 2010 include:

> Pretax income primarily related to the resolution of certain liabilities retained in connection with the 2007 Latin American developmental licensee transaction and recognition of a tax benefit in connection with this income.

Significant items excluded from base EPS (2006 EPS) for RSUs that were granted in 2007 and vested in 2010 include:

> Discontinued operations (related to divestiture of Chipotle and Boston Market).

THE PROCESS FOR SETTING COMPENSATION

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving senior management s compensation. The Chairmen of the Governance and Compensation Committees lead the Board s independent Directors in the evaluation of the CEO s performance. Based upon the results of this performance evaluation, the Committee determines the CEO s compensation.

THE ROLE OF MANAGEMENT

Management recommends compensation packages for executives other than the CEO to the Committee for consideration and approval. The CEO recommends compensation packages for the NEOs who report directly to him: Messrs. Bensen and Thompson. The President/COO does the same for the NEOs who report directly to him: Messrs. Fenton and (prior to his resignation) Hennequin and Ms. Fields. The head of human resources also provides input on compensation packages for each of the executives. In 2010, prior to each Committee meeting, the CEO and

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the CFO provided input on the materials prepared by management and presented to the Committee (except with respect to their own compensation).

THE ROLE OF COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS

The Committee has adopted a policy governing the engagement of its independent compensation consultant, under which the Committee has the sole authority to select, evaluate, retain and dismiss the consultant and approve the terms of the consultant s retention. Management may not engage the consultant.

Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. (Fred Cook) is the Committee s independent compensation consultant. Other than assistance to the Board in carrying out certain routine functions (compiling and summarizing the results of certain Board and Director evaluations) and advice on Director fees, Fred Cook does not provide any other services to the Company or to management.

Management also considers survey data and similar information about compensation programs that it obtains from various sources, including Hewitt Associates LLC, which also provides significant benefit plan administration services to McDonald s, and Towers Watson & Co. From time to time, data obtained from these other sources is provided to the Committee.

THE COMMITTEE S CONSIDERATION OF TALLY SHEETS AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS

The Committee annually reviews tally sheets which summarize all components of our executives total compensation. In addition, the Committee annually reviews wealth accumulated by our executives under our retirement savings plans (which is comprised mostly of the executives contributions under the plans) and equity compensation plans. It is not our practice to take this information in account when determining compensation. We believe that it would be inconsistent with the purpose of our executive compensation program to make decisions about current awards by taking into account the executives—accumulated savings and investment returns.

COMPANIES IN OUR PEER GROUP IN 2010

Consistent with our goal of providing competitive compensation, we compare our executives compensation to executive compensation at a peer group of companies. The companies in the peer group are companies with which we compete for talent, including our direct competitors, major retailers, producers of consumer branded goods and companies with a significant global presence.

The Committee reviews our peer group annually. The table below shows market capitalization for each of our peer group companies for 2010 (except for Nestlé and Unilever, which are U.S. divisions of non-U.S. companies for which such information is not available), which ranges from \$1.8 billion to \$194.1 billion. McDonald s market capitalization as of the end of 2010 was \$81 billion (or the 76th percentile of our comparator group).

McDONALD S 2010 PEER GROUP COMPANIES

(Dollars In billions)

Peer	Market capitalization
Branded Consumer Products:	
3M Company	\$62.0
The Coca-Cola Company	136.9
Colgate-Palmolive	37.1
The Walt Disney Company	63.1
General Mills, Inc.	22.5
Johnson & Johnson	169.7
Kellogg Company	21.3
Kraft Foods, Inc.	53.9
Nestlé (United States) (2)	
NIKE, Inc.	41.2
PepsiCo, Inc.	103.7
The Procter & Gamble Company	167.9
Unilever (United States) (2)	

Major Retailers/Services:	
Best Buy Co., Inc.	17.8
Costco Wholesale Corporation	29.0
The Home Depot, Inc.	50.7
Lowe s Companies Inc.	29.7
Sears Holding Corporation	7.9
Target Corporation	36.8
Walgreen Co.	32.1
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	194.1
Retail Eating Places:	
Yum! Brands, Inc.	20.8
Starbucks Corporation	19.3
Wendy s/Arby s Group, Inc.	1.8
Burger King Holdings, Inc. (formerly Burger King)	3.3

- (1) Source for market capitalization: Bloomberg.com. Data as of December 31, 2010, except Burger King Holdings, Inc. which ceased to be publicly traded in October 2010.
- (2) Unlisted U.S. division of non-U.S. company.

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COMPENSATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

RISK AND COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

In considering the risks to the Company and its business that may be implied by our compensation plans and programs, the Committee focuses primarily on senior management, but also considers the design, operation and mix of the plans and programs at all levels of the Company. Our compensation program is designed to mitigate the potential to reward risk-taking that may produce short-term results that appear in isolation to be favorable, but that may undermine the successful execution of our long-term business strategy and destroy shareholder value.

INTERNAL PAY EQUITY

Overall compensation opportunities reflect our executives—positions, responsibilities and tenure and are generally similar for executives who have comparable levels of responsibility (although actual payouts may differ depending on relative performance). Our CEO, Mr. Skinner, has ultimate responsibility for the strategic direction of the Company, and therefore is the most highly paid. Mr. Skinner—s compensation also reflects the importance of his leadership to the successful design and execution of our business strategy and his tenure as CEO.

SECTION 409A OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

All of the Company s compensation programs are designed to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code which imposes certain requirements on nonqualified deferred compensation plans.

POLICY WITH RESPECT TO DEDUCTIBILITY OF COMPENSATION

While the Committee retains flexibility, we generally design our compensation programs to allow the Company to deduct compensation expense under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, which generally limits to \$1 million the tax deductibility of annual compensation paid to certain officers unless the compensation is performance based.

POLICY REGARDING STOCK OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The Company has adopted share ownership requirements because we believe that senior management will more effectively pursue the long-term interests of shareholders if they are shareholders themselves (for example, our CEO is required to own McDonald s stock equal in value to at least six times his base salary). The Committee reviews share ownership requirements annually. Further, the Company has adopted restrictions that prohibit specified employees, including senior management, from engaging in derivative transactions and require approval in order to hold Company shares in a margin account.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING EQUITY AWARDS

Equity awards cannot be granted when the Company possesses material non-public information. The Company generally makes broad-based equity grants at approximately the same time each year following the Company s release of financial information; but the Company may choose to make equity awards outside of the annual broad-based grant. Stock options may be granted only with an exercise price at or above the closing market price of the Company s stock on the date of grant.

POLICY REGARDING FUTURE SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

The Company has adopted a policy under which the Company will seek shareholder approval for future severance payments to a NEO if such payments would exceed 2.99 times the sum of (i) the NEO s annual base salary as in effect immediately prior to termination of employment; and (ii) the highest annual bonus awarded to the NEO by the Company in any of the Company s three full fiscal years immediately preceding the fiscal year in which termination of employment occurs. Certain types of payments are excluded from this policy, such as amounts payable under arrangements that apply to classes of employees other than the NEOs or that predate the implementation of the policy, as well as any payment that the Committee determines is a reasonable settlement of a claim that could be made by the NEO.

RECOUPMENT AND FORFEITURE OF COMPENSATION

The Company s compensation plans contain recoupment provisions that apply to a larger group of employees than the recoupment provisions under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Senior management may be required to repay to the Company compensation previously awarded under TIP and CPUP in certain circumstances (for example, willful fraud) and to the extent permitted under applicable law.

Payments under the ERRP, including some stock option gains and RSU payouts, are also subject to forfeiture and recoupment in certain circumstances, such as violation of an applicable restrictive covenant or the commission of an act that would have resulted in termination for cause.

Under our severance plan that applies to eligible employees on the U.S. payroll, the Company may cease payment of any future benefits and require repayment of any previously paid severance amounts if an employee violates an applicable restrictive covenant or commits an act that would have resulted in termination for cause.

Unexercised stock options and unpaid RSUs are subject to forfeiture if any employee commits an act or acts involving dishonesty, fraud, illegality or moral turpitude. Further, if an executive violates a restrictive covenant, the Company will be able to cancel outstanding awards.

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COMPENSATION TABLES

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The table below summarizes the total compensation earned by or paid to our NEOs in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Position Pear Page Pag	Name and principal			Non-equity incentive					
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(1) The base salary earned in 2010 by the NEOs reflects regular annual increases in base salary that took effect March 1, 2010, except for Mr. Thompson and Ms. Fields who each received their raise in connection with their promotion to President/COO and President of McDonald s USA, respectively. The NEOs annualized rates of base salary as of December 31, 2010 were as follows:

James A. Skinner	\$ 1,440,000
Peter J. Bensen	650,000
Donald Thompson	800,000
Timothy J. Fenton	584,000
Janice L. Fields	575,000

- (2) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value, as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, based on the probable outcome of the applicable performance conditions and excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures during the applicable vesting periods, of RSUs granted to the NEOs under the McDonald s Corporation Amended and Restated 2001 Omnibus Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (Amended 2001 Plan) in each of 2008, 2009 and 2010. The values in this column are based on the closing market price of the Company s common stock on the date of the award, less the present value of expected dividends over the vesting period. Generally, RSUs vest on the third anniversary of the grant date and are subject to performance-based vesting conditions linked to the Company s achievement of target levels of diluted earnings per share growth. Information with respect to the RSUs granted to the NEOs in 2010 is disclosed in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table on page [] and the accompanying notes. Information with respect to RSUs reflected in this column that were granted in years before 2010 is disclosed in the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2010 Year-End table on page [] and the accompanying notes.
- (3) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value, as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures during the applicable vesting periods, of stock options granted to the NEOs in each of 2008, 2009 and 2010. Options have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, vest in equal annual installments over a four-year period and are subject to the provisions of the Amended 2001 Plan. The values in this column for stock options granted in 2010 are determined using a closed-form pricing model based on the following assumptions, as described in the footnotes to financial statements: expected volatility based on historical experience of 22.1%; an expected annual dividend yield of 3.5%; a risk-free return of 2.8%; and expected option life based on historical experience of 6.2 years. Information with respect to the options granted to the NEOs in 2010 is disclosed in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table on page [] and the accompanying notes. Information with respect to options reflected in this column that were granted in years before 2010 is disclosed in the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2010 Year-End table on page [] and the accompanying notes.
- (4) The values for non-equity incentive plan awards reported in column (g) reflect the fact that our long-term cash incentive plan or CPUP operates on non-overlapping three year cycles. Payouts under our annual cash incentive plan, TIP, are reflected in column (g) for each of 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (5) All other compensation for 2010 includes the Company's contributions to the Company's Profit Sharing and Savings Plan and Excess Benefit and Deferred Bonus Plan on behalf of the NEOs other than Mr. Hennequin, in the following amounts:

James A. Skinner	\$ 515,167
Peter J. Bensen	175,744
Donald Thompson	151,355
Timothy J. Fenton	155,659
Janice L. Fields	118,999

All other compensation also includes limited categories of perquisites, including personal use of Company-provided cars or an allowance; Company-paid life insurance; financial counseling; annual physical examinations for the executives (which are also available for the executive s spouse); limited executive security; matching charitable donations; limited personal items, and for the CEO only, personal use of the Company s aircraft (with a net cost to the Company in 2010 of \$58,487). In general, the CEO is the only executive who is permitted to use the Company s aircraft for personal travel. However, in certain circumstances the CEO may in his discretion determine that it is appropriate for other executives to use the corporate aircraft for personal travel (this did not occur in 2010). In addition, on certain occasions, at the discretion of the CEO, other executives may be accompanied by their spouses when traveling to business events on the Company s aircraft.

In the case of the Company s NEOs based overseas, Messrs. Fenton and Hennequin, the amount in this column for 2010 also includes certain benefits in connection with their international assignments, as follows:

For Mr. Fenton: Company-provided residence in Hong Kong through April 2010; housing insurance and utilities for his Hong Kong residence; a cost-of-living adjustment; home leave and family travel allowance for Mr. Fenton and his family (in the amount of \$55,925); relocation expenses (in the amount of \$68,865); and tax preparation services. As previously disclosed, the Company maintained a tax equalization program for Mr. Fenton designed to reimburse tax obligations arising solely as a result of his international assignment that were in excess of the taxes he would have paid had he remained in the U.S. Mr. Fenton s return to the United States in April 2010 affected his aggregate tax obligations in respect of 2010 income and resulted in no aggregate incremental cost to the Company in 2010. Certain tax payments were made by the Company during 2010 for Mr. Fenton s benefit; however, all amounts were previously disclosed or offset by other amounts withheld from Mr. Fenton s compensation. Amounts paid in Hong Kong dollars were converted into U.S. dollars as described in note 6 below.

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For Mr. Hennequin: Company-provided residence in Geneva, Switzerland (in the amount of \$101,000); utilities, security, maintenance and cleaning services for his Geneva residence; certain local taxes reimbursed by the Company in connection with his Geneva residence; Company-paid expenses incurred in traveling to and from his home in Paris and the Company s office in Geneva; an expatriation allowance; relocation expenses; and tax preparation services (in the amount of \$36,786). These amounts were converted from Euros or Swiss Francs as described in note 8 below.

The incremental cost of perquisites is included in the amount provided in the table and based on actual charges to the Company, except as follows: (i) personal use of Company-provided cars includes a pro rata portion of the purchase price, fuel and maintenance, based on personal use and (ii) with respect to Mr. Skinner, personal use of corporate aircraft includes fuel costs, on-board catering, landing/handling fees and costs associated with the flight crew, and excludes fixed costs, which do not change based upon usage, such as pilot salaries and the cost of capital invested in corporate aircraft. When Mr. Skinner uses the Company s aircraft for personal use he is required to reimburse to the Company the value of the flight calculated as the lower of (i) amount determined under the Internal Revenue Code based on four times the Standard Industry Fare Level (SIFL) rate per person or (ii) 200% of the actual fuel cost.

- (6) Certain amounts included in All other compensation for Mr. Fenton in 2010 were paid in Hong Kong dollars and converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of HKD 7.7674 to U.S. \$1. For 2008 and 2009, certain amounts included in All other compensation were paid in Hong Kong dollars and converted into U.S. dollars at rates of HKD 7.7862 to U.S. \$1 and HKD 7.7516 to U.S. \$1, respectively. In each case, the rate used represents the average of the average monthly conversion rates for the applicable year. The conversion rates were provided by Bloomberg and/or Oanda.
- (7) Ms. Fields, who became President of McDonald s USA as of January 11, 2010, was not an executive officer in 2008 or 2009.
- (8) For 2010, amounts reported as salary and certain amounts included in All other compensation were paid to Mr. Hennequin in Euros. Certain amounts included in All other compensation for 2010 were also paid to Mr. Hennequin in Swiss Francs.

For 2010, amounts paid to Mr. Hennequin in Euros were converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of EUR 0.7478 to U.S. \$1 and amounts paid in Swiss Francs were converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of CHF 1.0396 to U.S. \$1. For 2009, other than CPUP, amounts paid to Mr. Hennequin in Euros were converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of EUR 0.7173 to U.S. \$1 and amounts paid in Swiss Francs were converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of CHF 1.0828 to U.S. \$1. For 2008, amounts paid to Mr. Hennequin in Euros were converted into U.S. dollars

at a rate of EUR 0.6799 to U.S. \$1. In each case, the rate used represents the average of the average monthly conversion rates for the applicable year. Mr. Hennequin s 2009 long-term cash incentive, CPUP, payment was converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of EUR 0.7109 to U.S. \$1, which represents the three-year average exchange rate. The conversion rates were provided by Bloomberg and/or Oanda.

(9) Mr. Hennequin resigned from his employment with the Company effective November 30, 2010. Certain amounts included in All other compensation for Mr. Hennequin in 2010 resulted from payments in connection with his resignation. Arrangements in connection with his resignation are described under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control on page [] and in notes [] and [] to the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table on page [], note [] to the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2010 Year-End table on page [].

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GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

The table below sets forth grants of cash incentive awards and equity awards to our NEOs in 2010.

In 2010, the NEOs received annual cash awards under TIP. Columns (d) and (e) below show the target and maximum awards they could have earned. Actual payouts are in column (g) of the Summary Compensation Table. The formula for determining payouts under the TIP is described following the footnotes to the table. In 2010, the NEOs also received two types of equity awards under the Amended 2001 Plan: RSUs subject to performance-based vesting criteria (see columns (f), (g) and (h)), and stock options (see columns (j), (k) and (l)).

		Tilure shold		future payouts quity incentive plan awards Maximum	Threshold	plan	ure payouts ty incentive awards (1) Maximum	All other option awards: number of securities underlying	Exercise or base price of option	Grant date fair value of stock and option
								options	awards	awards
Name (a)	Plan	date (b)(\$)(c)	(\$)(d)	(\$)(e)	(#)(f)	(#)(g)	(#)(h)	(2)(#)(j)	(\$/Sh)(k)	(3)(\$)(1)
James A.	TIP	0	\$2,160,000	\$5,400,000						
Skinner	Amd 2001									
	Plan (4)	2/10/10			6,324	25,295	25,295			\$1,415,255
	Amd 2001									
	Plan	2/10/10						177,009	\$63.25	1,752,389
Peter J. Bensen	TIP	0	650,000	1,625,000						
	Amd 2001									
	Plan	2/10/10			1,779	7,115	7,115			398,084
	Amd 2001									
	Plan	2/10/10						49,787	63.25	492,891
Donald	TIP	0	991,200	2,478,000						
Thompson	Amd 2001									
1	Plan	2/10/10			2,609	10,435	10,435			583,838
	Amd 2001				· ·	ĺ	ĺ			
	Plan	2/10/10						73,021	63.25	722,908
Timothy J.	TIP	0	496,400	1,241,000				·		·
Fenton	Amd 2001									
	Plan	2/10/10			1,661	6,641	6,641			371,564
	Amd 2001				-,	2,012	-,			2.12,00
	Plan	2/10/10						46,468	63.25	460,033
Janice L. Fields	TIP	0	487,945	1,219,863						
	Amd 2001									
	Plan	2/10/10			1,305	5,218	5,218			291,947
	Amd 2001				,					
	Plan	2/10/10						36,511	63.25	361,459
Denis	TIP	0	566,822	1,417,056				- ,		,
Hennequin	Amd 2001									
Heimequin	Plan	2/10/10			1,661(5)	6,641(5)	6,641(5)			371,564
	Amd 2001	2/10/10			1,001(3)	0,041(3)	0,041(3)			3/1,304
	Plan	2/10/10						46,468 (6)	63.25	460,033
(1) D CL +		Z/10/10					1 1 2001 PI	40,406 (0)		

⁽¹⁾ Reflects grants of RSUs subject to performance-based vesting conditions under the Amended 2001 Plan in 2010. The RSUs vest on February 10, 2013, subject to the Company s achievement of specified EPS growth during the performance period ending on December 31, 2012. The performance target for all the RSU awards granted to the NEOs in 2010 is compounded annual EPS growth of 6% on a cumulative basis. Both base EPS and EPS for the performance period are adjusted to exclude certain items as described on page []. If the

6% growth target is achieved, 100% of the RSUs will vest. If less than 1% compounded EPS growth is achieved, none of the RSUs will vest. If compounded EPS

growth is at or above the 1% threshold, but below the 6% target, the awards will vest in proportion to the level of EPS growth achieved.

Reflects grants of stock options in 2010 under the Amended 2001 Plan. Options have an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company s common stock on the date of grant. Subject to the terms of the Amended 2001 Plan, options vest in four equal annual installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, which was February 10, 2010 for all the NEOs.

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- (3) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of RSUs and stock options granted to the NEOs in 2010 under the Amended 2001 Plan. The values in this column for RSUs and stock options were determined based on the assumptions described in notes 2 and 3, respectively, to the Summary Compensation Table on page [].
- (4) Amd 2001 Plan denotes the Amended 2001 Plan.
- (5) Mr. Hennequin resigned from the Company effective November 30, 2010. In accordance with the termination provisions established at the time of grant, Mr. Hennequin forfeited 6,641 unvested RSUs. The treatment of these RSUs in connection with Mr. Hennequin s resignation is also described in note 5 to the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2010 Year-End table on page [] and under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control on page [].
- (6) Mr. Hennequin s stock options granted in 2010 were originally scheduled to become exercisable in four equal annual installments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. Pursuant to the terms of the option awards, no stock options vested following Mr. Hennequin s resignation and all stock options unvested as of November 30, 2010 were forfeited. The treatment of Mr. Hennequin s stock options upon his retirement is also described under Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control on page []. TIP AWARDS

Each NEO s target TIP award for 2010 (shown in column (d)) to the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table was equal to a percentage of his/her base salary as approved by the Committee. The final payouts (shown in column (g) to the Summary Compensation Table) were determined based on the following principles:

- > The TIP is designed to measure performance using a team factor that is initially determined based on growth in operating income. The team factor can then be adjusted up or down, within specified limits, based on pre-established modifiers reflecting other measures of Corporate and/or AOW performance. The target amount is multiplied by the team factor, which includes the modifiers. The product is the adjusted target award.
- > Each participant is assigned an individual performance factor which is determined based on a combination of both subjective and objective factors. The adjusted target award is multiplied by the individual performance factor, and the product is the final payout. The flowchart below illustrates this process:

The team factor (prior to adjustment based on the modifiers) is determined entirely by growth in operating income for the year. The team factor increases with growth in operating income up to 100% at the target level of growth and to higher percentages at higher levels of growth, up to the maximum (175% in 2010).

The table below shows how increases in operating income determined the team factor for the NEOs in 2010, prior to adjustment based on the applicable modifiers. The table shows the target and maximum levels of growth in operating income. Operating income at the Corporate level was included in the TIP team factor calculation for all of our executives. In addition, the results for the U.S. were included in the calculation for Mr. Thompson and Ms. Fields and the results for APMEA were included in the calculation for Mr. Fenton.

TIP team factor and growth in operating income for 2010

		100%	175%
Team factor as % of target	0%	(target)	(maximum)
Growth in operating			
1 0			
income over 2009:			
Corporate factor	0%	6.8%	11.6%
U.S. factor	0	5.4	9.6
APMEA factor	0	9.8	19.4

Operating income growth in 2010 was 10.5% (Corporate), 7.1% (U.S.) and 14.4% (APMEA). The resulting Corporate, U.S. and APMEA team factors were 155.4%, 128.8% and 133.3%, respectively, before the application of modifiers.

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The target TIP awards, the team factors (including the modifiers), the individual performance factors and the final payouts as a percentage of target awards for the NEOs in 2010 are summarized in the table below. Pursuant to his settlement agreement described on page [], Mr. Hennequin forfeited any TIP award for 2010 to which he would otherwise have been entitled.

Team factors (Corporate factor; AOW factor; blend)						
				team		
			j	factor applied		
	T	eam factor(s)		to		
		before		determine		
Target		application		TIP		
TIP		of modifiers	Impact	payout		Final
l (% of		(% of	of modifiers	(% of		TIP payout
base	Applicable	target	(% added or	target	Personal	(% of target
salary)	team factor(s)	award)	subtracted)	award)	factor (%)	award)
150.0%	Corporate	155.4%	+15.0%	170.4%	122%	208.3%
100.0	Corporate	155.4	+15.0	170.4	117	199.4
123.9(1)	Corporate (1)	155.4	+15.0	170.1	110	187.1
85.0	Corporate	155.4	+15.0	161.3	120	193.6
	(weighted 25%) APMEA	133.3	+25.0			
84.0(2)		155.4	±15.0	152.2	105	159.9
04.9(2)	Corporate	133.4	T15.0	132.2	105	139.9
	(weighted 25%) U.S.	128.8	+17.5			
(1	weighted 75%) (2)					
ı	TIP I (% of base salary) 150.0% 100.0 123.9(1) 85.0	Target TIP l (% of base Applicable team factor(s) 150.0% Corporate 100.0 Corporate 123.9(1) Corporate (1) 85.0 Corporate (weighted 25%) APMEA (weighted 75%) 84.9(2) Corporate (weighted 25%)	Team factor(s) before application of modifiers (% of base Applicable target team factor(s) 150.0% Corporate 155.4% 123.9(1) Corporate (1) 155.4 85.0 Corporate 155.4 (weighted 25%) APMEA 133.3 (weighted 75%) 84.9(2) Corporate 155.4 (weighted 25%) U.S. 128.8	Team factor(s) before application TIP of modifiers Impact (% of of of modifiers base Applicable target (% added or salary) team factor(s) award) subtracted) 150.0% Corporate 155.4% +15.0% 100.0 Corporate 155.4 +15.0 123.9(1) Corporate (1) 155.4 +15.0 85.0 Corporate 155.4 +15.0 (weighted 25%) APMEA 133.3 +25.0 (weighted 75%) 84.9(2) Corporate 155.4 +15.0 (weighted 25%) LUS. 128.8 +17.5	Team factor(s)	Team factor(s)

⁽¹⁾ As a result of his promotion in January 2010, Mr. Thompson s target TIP award and team factor are calculated 100% on the corporate factor for 355 days and a blend of 25% based on the corporate factor and 75% based on the U.S. factor for 10 days.

The Corporate-level and AOW modifiers applied in determining the final TIP payouts for the executives are described in the following table:

		Potential weight	Potential overall adjustment
Team factor	Modifiers	of each modifier (range)	of team factor by modifiers (range)
Corporate factor	§ Increases in comparable-restaurant guest counts	Up to +7.5 or -5	Up to +/- 15 percentage
		percentage	points
	§ Customer service improvements	points	

[§] Control of growth in Corporate general and administrative expenses

⁽²⁾ As a result of her promotion in January 2010, Ms. Fields target TIP award and team factor are calculated on a blend of 25% based on the corporate factor and 75% based on the U.S. factor for 355 days and 100% on the U.S. factor for 10 days.

AOW factor \$ Increases in comparable-restaurant guest counts Up to +/- 10 percentage Up to +/- 25 percentage

points

\$ Customer service improvements

\$ Improvements in employee commitment

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OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2010 YEAR-END

	Option awards				Stock awards Equity			
							incentive	
						plan	awards: market	
						<u>*</u>		
							or payout value of	
				NumbeiN	larket value	Equity incen tive ar	ned shares, units	
				of	of	plan awards:		
	Number	Number		shares	sha nas m	ber of unearned	or other rights	
	of securities	of securities		or units of	or units of	shares, units	that	
	underlying	underlying		stock	stock	or		
	unexercised	unexercised		Option that	that	other rights	1 1	
M	options	options	Option	expiration have	have not	that	have not vested	
Name	exercisable	unexercisable	exercise	date not	vested	have not	(3)(4)	
	(1)	(1)	price (\$)	vested (2)	(3)	vested (4)		
(a)	(#)(b)	(#)(c)	(e)	(f#)(g)	(\$)(h)	(#)(i)	(\$)(j)	
James A. Skinner	100,000	0	\$40.4375	5/19/12				
	40,000	0	14.31	3/18/13				
	106,193	0	35.25	3/21/13				
	62,500	0	26.63	2/16/14				
	62,500	0	25.31	5/20/14				
	250,000	0	31.21	12/1/14				
	151,910	0	34.54	3/23/16				
	87,442	29,147	45.02	2/14/17				
	185,383	185,380						