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Crown Holdings, Inc. 770 Township Line Road Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067

NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of CROWN HOLDINGS, INC. (the "Company") will be held at the Company's Corporate Headquarters located at 770 Township Line Road, Yardley, Pennsylvania on the 25th day of April 2019 at 9:30 a.m. local time to elect Directors; to ratify the appointment of independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019; to vote on an advisory resolution to approve executive compensation for the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement (the "Say-on-Pay" vote); if properly presented, to consider and act upon a Shareholder proposal requesting the Board of Directors to adopt a policy for an independent Board Chairman; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Only Shareholders of Common Stock of record as of the close of business on March 5, 2019 will be entitled to vote.

By Order of the Board of Directors

ADAM J. DICKSTEIN Corporate Secretary

Yardley, Pennsylvania March 18, 2019

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 25, 2019:

The Proxy Statement and Proxy Card relating to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the Annual Report to Shareholders are available at <u>https://www.crowncork.com/investors/proxy-online</u>

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2019 PROXY STATEMENT SUMMARY

This is a summary only and does not contain all of the information that you should consider. We urge you to carefully read the entire Proxy Statement before voting.

Crown Holdings, Inc. - 2019 Annual Meeting

| Time and Date: | 9:30 a.m. local time, April 25, 2019 |
|-----------------|--|
| Place: | 770 Township Line Road Yardley, Pennsylvania |
| Record Date: | March 5, 2019. Only Shareholders of record of the Company's Common Stock at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. |

2019 Annual Meeting Proposals

| Agenda Item | Board Recommendation | Page |
|---|---------------------------------|------|
| 1. Election of Directors | FOR EACH DIRECTOR NOMINEE | 18 |
| 2. Ratification of appointment of Independent Auditors | FOR | 60 |
| 3. Advisory vote to approve executive compensation | FOR | 61 |
| 4. Shareholder proposal requesting the Board of Directors to adopt a policy for an independent Board Chairman | AGAINST | 62 |

How to Cast Your Vote

You can vote by any of the following methods:

| Internet | Phone | Mail | In Person |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|
| | | | |
| www.proxypush.com/cck | 1-866-883-3382 | Mark, sign and date your proxy card | For instructions on |
| Deadline for voting online is 11:59 p.m. (CT) on April 24, 2019. | Deadline for voting by phone is 11:59 p.m. (CT) on April 24, 2019. | and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. Your proxy card must be received before the Annual | attending 1 the Annual Meeting, |
| | L / | Meeting. | see "Questions and Answers |

about the 2019 Annual Meeting" on page 12.

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Proposal 1: Election of Directors

There are eleven nominees for election to the Board of Directors. Additional information on each nominee may be found under Proposal 1: Election of Directors, beginning on page 18.

Committee Memberships

| Name and Primary Occupation | Age | Director Since | Independent A | C | NCG | Е |
|--|-----|-------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|
| John W. Conway Chairman of the Board of the Company Timothy J. | 73 | 1997 | Yes | | | Chair |
| Donahue President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company | 56 | 2015 | No | | | |
| Andrea J. Funk VP Finance, Americas of EnerSys | 49 | 2017 | Yes | | | |
| Rose Lee President of DuPont Safety & Construction William G. | 53 | 2016 | Yes | | | |
| Little Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of West Pharmaceutical Services | 76 | 2003 | Yes | | Chair | |
| Hans J. Löliger Vice Chairman of GTF Holding James H. Miller | 76 | 2001 | Yes | Chair | | |
| Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PPL | 70 | 2010 | Yes | | | |
| Corporation Josef M. Müller | 71 | 2011 | Yes | | | |

Former President of Swiss Association of Branded Consumer Goods "PROMARCA" Caesar F. Sweitzer Former Senior Advisor and 68 2014 Chair Yes Managing Director of Citigroup **Global Markets** Jim L. Turner Principal of JLT Beverages; 73 2005 Yes Chairman of Dean Foods William S. Urkiel Former Senior Vice President and Chief 73 2004 Yes Financial Officer of **IKON Office Solutions**

A: Audit Committee C: Compensation Committee NCG: Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee E: Executive Committee

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BOARD TENURE Less than 6 years 6 – 10 years More than 10 years