### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### **FOR**

### SYSTEMAX INC.

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## Purpose of Committee

The purpose of the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Systemax Inc. (the "Company") is to perform the functions described below under "Committee Duties and Responsibilities" in order to discharge the Board's responsibilities relating to review and determination of compensation of the Company's executives.

In pursuing its purpose, the Committee shall ensure that (a) a proper system of long-term and short-term compensation is in place for management, and (b) compensation plans are appropriate, competitive and properly reflect the objectives and performance of management and the Company, including the Company's risk management goals and objectives.

### Committee Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee's duties and responsibilities are to:

- 1. Review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and, after an evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of those goals and objectives, set the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer. In determining the long-term incentive component of the Chief Executive Officer compensation, the Committee should consider, among other factors, the Company's performance and relative shareholder return, the value of similar incentive awards for chief executive officers at comparable companies and the awards given to the Chief Executive Officer in past years;
- 2. Review, and make periodic recommendations to the Board with respect to, the general compensation, benefits and perquisites policies and practices of the Company, including, without limitation, the Company's incentive-compensation plans and equity-based compensation plans. In circumstances in which equity-based compensation plans are not subject to shareholder approval, such plans shall be subject to Committee approval;
- 3. Produce an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement, and otherwise report to the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission;
- 4. Evaluate the competitiveness of the compensation of the executive officers;
- 5. Periodically review the compensation paid to any non-employee directors and make recommendations to the Board for any adjustments;
- 6. Consider, and work together with the Company's Audit Committee regarding, the Company's compensation policies for all its employees in the context of how such policies affect and promote the Company's risk management goals and objectives;

7. Perform such other duties as the Board may assign to the Committee with respect to the Company's compensation policies.

# Committee Membership

The Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board for such term or terms as the Board may determine. Each member of the Committee shall be (a) "independent" in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC (including provisions of Rule 10C-1(b)(1) under Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the pertinent listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") and (b) a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act. In addition, at least two members of the Committee must qualify as "outside directors" under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

## **Committee Structure and Operations**

A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall designate a member of the Committee as its chairperson. The Committee may act by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Committee. In the event of a tie vote on any issue, the chairperson's vote shall decide the issue. The Committee shall meet in person or telephonically at least once a year at a time and place determined by the Committee chairperson, with further meetings to occur when deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee or its chairperson. The Committee may delegate some or all of its duties to a subcommittee comprising one or more members of the Committee. The Committee may ask members of management or others whose advice and counsel are relevant to the issues then being considered by the Committee to attend any meetings and to provide such pertinent information as the Committee may request. The Committee shall report to the Board at least once a year.

### Performance Evaluation

The Committee shall annually compare its performance with the requirements of this charter, set forth its objectives for the next year and recommend changes in this charter, if any, considered appropriate by the Committee. Such evaluation shall be reported to the Board in such manner as the Committee from time to time determines.

### Surveys and Studies

The Committee may conduct or authorize surveys or studies of matters within the Committee's scope of responsibilities as described above, including, but not limited to, surveys or studies of compensation practices in relevant industries, to maintain the Company's competitiveness and ability to recruit and retain highly qualified personnel, and may retain and terminate, at the expense of the Company, independent counsel or other consultants necessary to assist in any such survey or study. If any compensation consultant or firm is to assist in the evaluation of director, chief executive officer or senior executive compensation, the Committee shall have the sole authority to retain and terminate the compensation consultant or firm and approve such firm or person's fees and other retention terms.

Nothing contained in this charter is intended to, or should be construed as, creating any responsibility or liability of the members of the Committee except to the extent otherwise provided under applicable Delaware law which shall continue to set the legal standard for the conduct of the members of the Committee.

### **Outside Advisors**

The Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to select, retain and obtain the advice of a

compensation consultant as necessary to assist with the execution of its duties and responsibilities as set forth in this Charter. The Committee shall set the compensation, and oversee the work, of the compensation consultant. The Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to retain and obtain the advice and assistance of outside legal counsel and such other advisors as it deems necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this Charter. The Committee shall set the compensation, and oversee the work, of its outside legal counsel and other advisors. The Committee shall receive appropriate funding from the Company, as determined by the Committee in its capacity as a committee of the Board, for the payment of compensation to its compensation consultants, outside legal counsel and any other advisors. However, the Committee shall not be required to implement or act consistently with the advice or recommendations of its compensation consultant, legal counsel or other advisor to the compensation committee, and the authority granted in this Charter shall not affect the ability or obligation of the Committee to exercise its own judgment in fulfillment of its duties under this Charter.

In retaining or seeking advice from compensation consultants, outside counsel and other advisors (other than the Company's in-house counsel), the Committee must take into consideration the factors specified in the pertinent listing standards of the NYSE. The Committee may retain, or receive advice from, any compensation advisor they prefer, including ones that are not independent, after considering the specified factors. The Committee is not required to assess the independence of any compensation consultant or other advisor that acts in a role limited to consulting on any broad-based plan that does not discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of executive officers or directors and that is generally available to all salaried employees or providing information that is not customized for a particular company or that is customized based on parameters that are not developed by the consultant or advisor, and about which the consultant or advisor does not provide advice.

The Committee shall evaluate whether any compensation consultant retained or to be retained by it has any conflict of interest in accordance with Item 407(e)(3)(iv) of Regulation S-K.