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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

# FORM 11-K

# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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[X] Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001
Or
} Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from to
Commission file number 1-16091
A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:
THE GEON RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:
PolyOne Corporation Suite 36-5000, 200 Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2403

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#### **SIGNATURES**

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### THE GEON RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Date: June 28, 2002 By: PolyOne Corporation Savings Program

Administration Committee

By: /s/ W. David Wilson

(Signature)

W. David Wilson Vice President and Chief Financial Officer PolyOne Corporation

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#### **Report of Independent Auditors**

PolyOne Corporation Savings Program Administration Committee

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Geon Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Geon Retirement Savings Plan at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2001 and reportable transactions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan s management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Cleveland, Ohio June 12, 2002

/s/Ernst & Young LLP

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# The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

# **Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Assets		
Investments, at fair value \$171,310,318 \$155,269,848 Receivables:		
Employer contributions <b>195,231</b> 653,181  Participant contributions <b>240,612</b> 248,630  Dividends and interest <b>258,259</b> 272,828  Other <b>288,488</b> 156,269		
Total receivables		
<b>982,590</b> 1,330,908		
Total assets 172,292,908 156,600,756 Liabilities		
Other payables <b>80,157</b> 223,966		
Net assets available for benefits <b>\$172,212,751</b> \$156,376,790		

See accompanying notes.

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# The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

#### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Year ended December 31, 2001

# Additions Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$12,934,380 Interest and other income 1,897,210 Dividends 3,011,975

17,843,565 Contributions:

Participant 7,166,502 Employer

5,615,248

12,781,750

Total additions 30,625,315 **Deductions** 

Withdrawals and distributions:

Cash 13,915,761 Common stock 873,593

Total deductions 14,789,354

Net increase 15,835,961 Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year **156,376,790** 

End of year **\$172,212,751** 

See accompanying notes.

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The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

**Notes to Financial Statements** 

December 31, 2001 and 2000 and Year ended December 31, 2001

#### 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of The Geon Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions. The Plan is administered by the PolyOne Corporation Savings Program Administration Committee.

#### General

The Plan is sponsored by PolyOne Corporation (the Company). The Company was formed by the consolidation of The Geon Company and M. A. Hanna Company on August 31, 2000.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all domestic salaried and hourly employees of the former The Geon Company, excluding former O Sullivan employees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### **Contributions**

Each employee who elects to become a participant in the Plan authorizes a bi-weekly payroll deduction from one to sixteen percent of eligible earnings. The Savings Program Administration Committee has the authority at its discretion to reduce the employees bi-weekly contribution percentage in order to maintain the tax qualified status of the Plan.

The Plan offers participants the choice of two savings options: an after-tax savings option and a pre-tax savings option. Participants may elect to participate in either or both of the savings options. Under both savings options, participants may direct that contributions be invested in any eligible funds offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options daily.

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#### The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

#### **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Company matching contributions are \$1 for \$1 and limited, based on a Participant s aggregate After-Tax and Pre-Tax Contributions with respect to a payroll period, up to a maximum of 6% of the Participant s earnings for the period. The Company makes an additional retirement contribution for those participants who are not eligible to participate in either the Geon Pension Plan or the Geon Wage Employees Pension Plan equal to 2% of eligible earnings.

The Company, at its discretion, may make additional contributions to the Plan which would be allocated to each eligible participant s account based upon the participant s annual compensation. Employer contributions are invested only in the PolyOne Stock Fund, which invests primarily in common stock of the Company. Once a participant attains age 55, or terminates employment with the Company, the participant can transfer account balances related to employer contributions to eligible investment options.

The Plan provides for the acceptance of rollover contributions from other plans qualified under the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). Rollover contributions can be made only in cash to the Plan s tax-deferred savings option.

#### **Participant Loans**

Participants may borrow from employee contributions and related earnings in their fund accounts. Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to an amount equal to the lesser of one half of the total vested account balance, or \$50,000 reduced by the greater of (i) the highest outstanding loan balance in the last 12 months, or (ii) the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date such loan is made. The interest rate on each loan is a fixed rate based on the trustee s prime rate. Payments on loans are made through payroll deductions and must be repaid within 5 years (personal loans) or 5-15 years (primary residence loans).

#### Vesting

Participant contributions and Company matching and discretionary contributions are fully vested immediately. Company retirement contributions are vested after three years of service.

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#### The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

#### **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### **Payment of Benefits**

Upon retirement or separation from service participants may withdraw from the Plan. Active employees of the Company are entitled to receive the value of their Company matching contributions and discretionary Company contributions made prior to January 1, 1995, and earnings thereon upon reaching age 55. Employee pre-tax contributions and discretionary Company contributions made subsequent to December 31, 1994 and earnings thereon may not be withdrawn until the participant reaches age 59-1/2, unless under hardship. Employee after-tax contributions may be withdrawn at the discretion of the participant. Distributions are made in payments of cash or common stock.

#### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, the net assets of the Plan will be distributed to the participants based on the respective value of their accounts.

#### **Accounting and Administrative Fees**

All significant accounting and administrative fees are paid by the Company. Trust and custody fees are paid by the Plan.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The Plan s financial statements are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments are stated at fair value. Investments in common stock are valued at the last reported sales price of the common stock on the last business day of the plan year. The shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices that represent the net asset values of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Investments in common trust funds investing primarily in equities are valued based on the redemption price of units owned by the Plan, which is based on the current market values of the underlying assets of the fund. The investment in common trust funds investing primarily in insurance contracts, is valued at contract value, plus income received thereon, less distributions and administrative expense payments. Investments in common trust funds investing in short-term fixed income obligations have a fair value approximating cost. The participant loans are recorded at their outstanding balances, which approximate fair value.

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#### The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

#### **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Investments

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Plan s investments (including investments purchased, sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in fair value as follows:

Common stocks
Common trust funds
(4,949,618)
Shares of registered investment companies
(1,223,478)
Brokerage account
(3,344,024)

\$12,934,380

The Brokerage account consists of self-directed participant investments. At December 31, 2001, the account was comprised of shares of registered investment companies: 52%, common stock: 47%, and other: 1%

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#### The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

#### **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 3. Investments (continued)

The fair value of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the fair value of the Plan s net assets are as follows:

Decer	mber 31
2001	2000
\$63,235,656	\$35,867,069

PolyOne Corporation Common Stock\* State Street Bank Selection Fund

**36,188,171** 33,774,107 State Street Bank S&P 500 Flagship Fund **33,122,189** 43,368,143 The BFGoodrich Company Common Stoci

The BFGoodrich Company Common Stock 9,529,995

#### 4. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments

The PolyOne Stock fund contains participant account balances that are both participant-directed and nonparticipant-directed. Because the fund contains balances that are nonparticipant-directed, the entire fund is considered nonparticipant-directed for disclosure purposes.

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<sup>\*</sup> Nonparticipant-directed

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# The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

# **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

#### 4. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments (continued)

Total assets

**64,938,649** 36,873,441

Information about the net assets and the significant components of changes in net assets related to the nonparticipant-directed investments is as follows:

	Decen	iber 31
	2001	2000
Net assets:		
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
PolyOne Corporation Common Stock \$63,235,656 \$35,867,069 State Street Bank Short-Term Investment Fund 1,088,049 910,061		
Total investments <b>64,323,705</b> 36,777,130 Receivables:		
Dividends and interest 84,658 4,586 Contributions 283,318		
Other <b>246,968</b> 91,725		
Total receivables <b>614,944</b> 96,311		

Liabilities:			
Other payables <b>6,459</b> 187,457			
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Total liabilities <b>6,459</b> 187,457	_		
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Net assets <b>\$64,932,190</b> \$36,685,984			
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# **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

# 4. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments (continued)

Changes in net assets:	
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$24,605,260 Dividends 1,656,300 Interest income 48,883	
<b>26,310,443</b> Contributions:	
Participants <b>3,109,425</b>	
Employer	
<b>5,413,401</b> Rollover	
57,674	
8,580,500	
Total additions	
<b>34,890,943</b> Deductions:	
Deductions:	
Withdrawals and distributions:	
Cash	
2,348,031	
Common stock <b>818,433</b>	

Investment management fees 165,554 Net transfers to participant-directed investments 3,312,719
Total deductions <b>6,644,737</b>
Net increase \$28,246,206

3,166,464

#### 5. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated May 29, 1996, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The Plan Sponsor believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

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#### The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

EIN: 34-1730488 Plan Number: 001

# Schedule H, Line 4(i) Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

#### December 31, 2001

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Cost**	Current Value
PolyOne Corporation*	Common stock: 6,452,618 shares	\$70,318,116	\$63,235,656

The BFGoodrich Company Common stock: 240,917 shares 6,413,211

Occidental Petroleum Corporation\*

Common stock: 60,956 shares 1,617,163

State Street Bank\*
Short-Term Investment
Fund 1,275,055 1,275,055

S&P 500 Flagship Fund 33,122,189

Selection Fund 36,188,171
Pacific Investment Management Company
Pimco Funds PAC Investment
Management 2,797,230

Euro PAC Growth Fund 1,085,492
Invesco Funds Group, Inc.
Income Fund 1,354,358
Selected Funds
Selected American Shares
Fund 2,328,095
John Hancock Funds
Hancock Small Cap Value
Fund 3,105,987
Brokerage Account
Various Investments 14,296,274

Participant Loans\*
At interest rates ranging from

At interest rates ranging from

4.75% to 10.00% 4,491,437

\$171,310,318

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<sup>\*</sup> Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Historical cost provided for nonparticipant-directed investments.

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The Geon Retirement Savings Plan

EIN: 34-1730488 Plan Number: 001

#### Schedule H, Line 4(j) Schedule of Reportable Transactions

#### For the year ended December 31, 2001

Description of Assets	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
Category (iii) Series of transactions in excess of 5% of plan assets					
PolyOne Corporation Common Stock \$5,969,703 7,046,303 5,969,703 \$(1,076,600) State Street Bank Short-Term Investment Fund 16,364,425 16,364,425 16,364,425	\$8,733,031		\$8,733,031	\$8,733,031	
16,186,436 16,186,436 16,186,436					
There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions do	uring 2001.				

# ONT STYLE="letter-spacing: 0pt">SECTION 9. NON-REDUCTION AND NON-ACCUMULATION OF LIABILITY AND TOTAL LIABILITY

Prior to its termination, this Bond shall continue in force up to the Limit of Liability for each Insuring Agreement for each Single Loss, notwithstanding any previous loss (other than such Single Loss) for which the Underwriter may have paid or be liable to pay hereunder; PROVIDED, however, that regardless of the number of years this Bond shall continue in force and the number of premiums which shall be payable or paid, the liability of the Underwriter under this Bond with respect to any Single Loss shall be limited to the applicable Limit of Liability irrespective of the total amount of such Single Loss and shall not be cumulative in amounts from year to year or from period to period.

## SECTION 10. MAXIMUM LIABILITY OF UNDERWRITER; OTHER BONDS OR POLICIES

The maximum liability of the Underwriter for any Single Loss covered by any Insuring Agreement under this Bond shall be the Limit of Liability applicable to such Insuring Agreement, subject to the applicable Deductible Amount and the other provisions of this Bond. Recovery for any Single Loss may not be made under more than one Insuring Agreement. If any Single Loss covered under this Bond is recoverable or recovered in whole or in part because of an unexpired discovery period under any other bonds or policies issued by the Underwriter to the Insured or to any predecessor in interest of the Insured, the maximum liability of the Underwriter shall be the greater of either (1) the applicable Limit of Liability under this Bond, or (2) the maximum liability of the Underwriter under such other bonds or policies.

#### **SECTION 11. OTHER INSURANCE**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if any loss covered by this Bond shall also be covered by other insurance or suretyship for the benefit of the Insured, the Underwriter shall be liable hereunder only for the portion of such loss in excess of the amount recoverable under such other insurance or suretyship, but not exceeding the applicable Limit of Liability of this Bond.

#### **SECTION 12. DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT**

The Underwriter shall not be liable under any Insuring Agreement unless the amount of the loss covered thereunder, after deducting the net amount of all reimbursement and/or recovery received by the Insured with respect to such loss (other than from any other bond, suretyship or insurance policy or as an advance by the Underwriter hereunder) shall exceed the applicable Deductible Amount; in such case the Underwriter shall be liable only for such excess, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability and the other terms of this Bond.

No Deductible Amount shall apply to any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A sustained by any Investment Company named as an Insured.

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#### **SECTION 13. TERMINATION**

The Underwriter may terminate this Bond as to any Insured or all Insureds only by written notice to such Insured or Insureds and, if this Bond is terminated as to any Investment Company, to each such Investment Company terminated thereby and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., in all cases not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

The Insured may terminate this Bond only by written notice to the Underwriter not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the termination specified in such notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Insured terminates this Bond as to any Investment Company, the effective date of termination shall be not less than sixty (60) days from the date the Underwriter provides written notice of the termination to each such Investment Company terminated thereby and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C.

This Bond will terminate as to any Insured that is a Non-Fund immediately and without notice upon (1) the takeover of such Insured's business by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator, or (2) the filing of a petition under any State or Federal statute relative to bankruptcy or reorganization of the Insured, or assignment for the benefit of creditors of the Insured.

Premiums are earned until the effective date of termination. The Underwriter shall refund the unearned premium computed at short rates in accordance with the Underwriter's standard short rate cancellation tables if this Bond is terminated by the Insured or pro rata if this Bond is terminated by the Underwriter.

Upon the detection by any Insured that an Employee has committed any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s) or Theft, the Insured shall immediately remove such Employee from a position that may enable such Employee to cause the Insured to suffer a loss by any subsequent Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s) or Theft. The Insured, within two (2) business days of such detection, shall notify the Underwriter with full and complete particulars of the detected Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s) or Theft.

For purposes of this section, detection occurs when any partner, officer, or supervisory employee of any Insured, who is not in collusion with such Employee, becomes aware that the Employee has committed any Dishonest or Fraudulent Act(s) or Theft.

This Bond shall terminate as to any Employee by written notice from the Underwriter to each Insured and, if such Employee is an Employee of an Insured Investment Company, to the Securities and Exchange Commission, in all cases not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

#### **SECTION 14. RIGHTS AFTER TERMINATION**

At any time prior to the effective date of termination of this Bond as to any Insured, such Insured may, by written notice to the Underwriter, elect to purchase the right under this Bond to an additional period of twelve (12) months within which to discover loss sustained by such Insured prior to the effective date of such termination and shall pay an additional premium therefor as the Underwriter may require.

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Such additional discovery period shall terminate immediately and without notice upon the takeover of such Insured's business by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator. Promptly after such termination the Underwriter shall refund to the Insured any unearned premium.

The right to purchase such additional discovery period may not be exercised by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator, acting or appointed to take over the Insured's business.

#### SECTION 15. CENTRAL HANDLING OF SECURITIES

The Underwriter shall not be liable for loss in connection with the central handling of securities within the systems established and maintained by any Depository ("Systems"), unless the amount of such loss exceeds the amount recoverable or recovered under any bond or policy or participants' fund insuring the Depository against such loss (the "Depository's Recovery"); in such case the Underwriter shall be liable hereunder only for the Insured's share of such excess loss, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability, the Deductible Amount and the other terms of this Bond.

For determining the Insured's share of such excess loss, (1) the Insured shall be deemed to have an interest in any certificate representing any security included within the Systems equivalent to the interest the Insured then has in all certificates representing the same security included within the Systems; (2) the Depository shall have reasonably and fairly apportioned the Depository's Recovery among all those having an interest as recorded by appropriate entries in the books and records of the Depository in Property involved in such loss, so that each such interest shall share in the Depository's Recovery in the ratio that the value of each such interest bears to the total value of all such interests; and (3) the Insured's share of such excess loss shall be the amount of the Insured's interest in such Property in excess of the amount(s) so apportioned to the Insured by the Depository.

This Bond does not afford coverage in favor of any Depository or Exchange or any nominee in whose name is registered any security included within the Systems.

### SECTION 16. ADDITIONAL COMPANIES INCLUDED AS INSURED

If more than one entity is named as the Insured:

- the total liability of the Underwriter hereunder for each Single Loss shall not exceed the Limit of Liability which A. would be applicable if there were only one named Insured, regardless of the number of Insured entities which sustain loss as a result of such Single Loss,
  - the Insured first named in Item 1 of the Declarations shall be deemed authorized to make, adjust, and settle, and receive and enforce payment of, all claims hereunder as the agent of each other Insured for such purposes and for
- B. the giving or receiving of any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder; provided, that the Underwriter shall promptly furnish each named Insured Investment Company with (1) a copy of this Bond and any amendments thereto, (2) a copy of each formal filing of a claim hereunder by any other Insured, and (3) notification of the terms of the settlement of each such claim prior to the execution of such settlement,
- C. the Underwriter shall not be responsible or have any liability for the proper application by the Insured first named in Item 1 of the Declarations of any payment made hereunder to the first named Insured,

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- D. for the purposes of Sections 4 and 13, knowledge possessed or discovery made by any partner, officer or supervisory Employee of any Insured shall constitute knowledge or discovery by every named Insured,
- E. if the first named Insured ceases for any reason to be covered under this Bond, then the Insured next named shall thereafter be considered as the first named Insured for the purposes of this Bond, and
  - F. each named Insured shall constitute "the Insured" for all purposes of this Bond.

#### SECTION 17. NOTICE AND CHANGE OF CONTROL

Within thirty (30) days after learning that there has been a change in control of an Insured by transfer of its outstanding voting securities the Insured shall give written notice to the Underwriter of:

- A. the names of the transferors and transferees (or the names of the beneficial owners if the voting securities are registered in another name), and
- B. the total number of voting securities owned by the transferors and the transferees (or the beneficial owners), both immediately before and after the transfer, and
  - C. the total number of outstanding voting securities.

As used in this Section, "control" means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of the Insured.

#### SECTION 18. CHANGE OR MODIFICATION

This Bond may only be modified by written Rider forming a part hereof over the signature of the Underwriter's authorized representative. Any Rider which modifies the coverage provided by Insuring Agreement A, Fidelity, in a manner which adversely affects the rights of an Insured Investment Company shall not become effective until at least sixty (60) days after the Underwriter has given written notice thereof to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., and to each Insured Investment Company affected thereby.

#### SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE TRADE AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

This Bond shall not be deemed to provide any coverage, and the Underwriter shall not be required to pay any loss or provide any benefit hereunder, to the extent that the provision of such coverage, payment of such loss or provision of such benefit would cause the Underwriter to be in violation of any applicable trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, any sanctions, laws or regulations administered and enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Underwriter has caused this Bond to be executed on the Declarations Page.

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#### ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

a Risk Retention Group

#### INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 1

INSURED BOND NUMBER

Central Securities Corporation

EFFECTIVE DATE

BOND PERIOD

12043113B

AUTHORIZED

REPRESENTATIVE

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that notwithstanding Section 2.Q of this Bond, this Bond is amended by adding an additional Insuring Agreement J as follows:

#### J. COMPUTER SECURITY

Loss (including loss of Property) resulting directly from Computer Fraud; <u>provided</u>, that the Insured has adopted in writing and generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all Computer Security Procedures. The isolated failure of the Insured to maintain and follow a particular Computer Security Procedure in a particular instance will not preclude coverage under this Insuring Agreement, subject to the specific exclusions herein and in the Bond.

1. <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms used in this Insuring Agreement shall have the following meanings:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Authorized User" means any person or entity designated by the Insured (through contract, assignment of User Identification, or otherwise) as authorized to use a Covered Computer System, or any part thereof. An individual a. who invests in an Insured Fund shall not be considered to be an Authorized User solely by virtue of being an investor.

- b. "Computer Fraud" means the unauthorized entry of data into, or the deletion or destruction of data in, or change of data elements or programs within, a Covered Computer System which:
- (1) is committed by any Unauthorized Third Party anywhere, alone or in collusion with other Unauthorized Third Parties; and
- (2) is committed with the conscious manifest intent (a) to cause the Insured to sustain a loss, <u>and</u> (b) to obtain financial benefit for the perpetrator or any other person; <u>and</u>
- causes (x) Property to be transferred, paid or delivered;  $\underline{or}$  (y) an account of the Insured, or of its customer, to be added, deleted, debited or credited;  $\underline{or}$  (z) an unauthorized or fictitious account to be debited or credited.

- c. "Computer Security Procedures" means procedures for prevention of unauthorized computer access and use and administration of computer access and use as provided in writing to the Underwriter.
- d. "Covered Computer System" means any Computer System as to which the Insured has possession, custody and control.
- e. "Unauthorized Third Party" means any person or entity that, at the time of the Computer Fraud, is not an Authorized User.
- f. "User Identification" means any unique user name (*i.e.*, a series of characters) that is assigned to a person or entity by the Insured.
  - 2. <u>Exclusions</u>. It is further understood and agreed that this Insuring Agreement J shall not cover:
    - a. Any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity," of this Bond; and
- b. Any loss resulting directly or indirectly from Theft or misappropriation of confidential or proprietary information, material or data (including but not limited to trade secrets, computer programs or customer information); and
  - c. Any loss resulting from the intentional failure to adhere to one or more Computer Security Procedures; and
    - d. Any loss resulting from a Computer Fraud committed by or in collusion with:
      - (1) any Authorized User (whether a natural person or an entity); or
- in the case of any Authorized User which is an entity, (a) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Authorized User, or (b) any entity which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Authorized User ("Related Entity"), or (c) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Related Entity; or
- in the case of any Authorized User who is a natural person, (a) any entity for which such Authorized User is a director, officer, partner, employee or agent ("Employer Entity"), or (b) any director, officer, partner, employee or (3) agent of such Employer Entity, or (c) any entity which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Employer Entity ("Employer-Related Entity"), or (d) any director, officer, partner, employee or agent of such Employer-Related Entity;

and

e. Any loss resulting from physical damage to or destruction of any Covered Computer System, or any part thereof, or any data, data elements or media associated therewith;  $\underline{and}$ 

f. Any loss resulting from Computer Fraud committed by means of wireless access to any Covered Computer System, or any part thereof, or any data, data elements or media associated therewith; and

Any loss not directly and proximately caused by Computer Fraud (including, without limitation, disruption of business and extra expense);  $\underline{\text{and}}$ 

h. Payments made to any person(s) who has threatened to deny or has denied authorized access to a Covered Computer System or otherwise has threatened to disrupt the business of the Insured.

For purposes of this Insuring Agreement, "Single Loss," as defined in Section 1.X of this Bond, shall also include all loss caused by Computer Fraud(s) committed by one person, or in which one person is implicated, whether or not that person is specifically identified. A series of losses involving unidentified individuals, but arising from the same method of operation, may be deemed by the Underwriter to involve the same individual and in that event shall be treated as a Single Loss.

It is further understood and agreed that nothing in this Rider shall affect the exclusion set forth in Section 2.O of this Bond.

It is further understood and agreed that notwithstanding Section 9, Non-Reduction and Non-Accumulation of Liability and Total Liability, or any other provision of this Bond, the Aggregate Limit of Liability of the Underwriter under this Bond with respect to any and all loss or losses under this Insuring Agreement shall be an aggregate of \$900,000 for the Bond Period, irrespective of the total amount of any such loss or losses.

Coverage under this Insuring Agreement shall terminate upon termination of this Bond. Coverage under this Insuring Agreement may also be terminated without terminating this Bond as an entirety:

- (a) by written notice from the Underwriter not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice; or
  - (b) immediately by written notice from the Insured to the Underwriter.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

#### ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

a Risk Retention Group

#### INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 2

INSURED BOND NUMBER

Central Securities Corporation

EFFECTIVE DATE

BOND PERIOD

12043113B

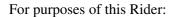
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REPRESENTATIVE

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that the Deductible Amount for Insuring Agreement E, Forgery or Alteration, and Insuring Agreement F, Securities, shall not apply with respect to loss through Forgery of a signature on the following documents:

- (1) letter requesting redemption of \$10,000 or less payable by check to the shareholder of record and addressed to the address of record; or
- (2) letter requesting redemption of \$10,000 or less by wire transfer to the record shareholder's bank account of record; or
- written request to a trustee or custodian for a Designated Retirement Account ("DRA") which holds shares of an Insured Fund, where such request (a) purports to be from or at the instruction of the Owner of such DRA, and (b) directs such trustee or custodian to transfer \$10,000 or less from such DRA to a trustee or custodian for another DRA established for the benefit of such Owner:

<u>provided</u>, that the Limit of Liability for a Single Loss as described above shall be \$10,000 and that the Insured shall bear 20% of each such loss. This Rider shall not apply in the case of any such Single Loss which exceeds \$10,000; in such case the Deductible Amounts and Limits of Liability set forth in Item 3 of the Declarations shall control.



(A) "Designated Retirement Account" means any retirement plan or account described or qualified under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or a subaccount thereof.

(B) "Owner" means the individual for whose benefit the DRA, or a subaccount thereof, is established.

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

# ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

a Risk Retention Group

#### INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

RIDER NO. 3

INSURED BOND NUMBER

Central Securities Corporation

EFFECTIVE DATE

BOND PERIOD

12043113B

AUTHORIZED

REPRESENTATIVE

April 1, 2013 April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014 /S/ Swenitha Nalli

In consideration of the premium charged for this Bond, it is hereby understood and agreed that this Bond does not cover any loss resulting from or in connection with the acceptance of any Third Party Check, unless

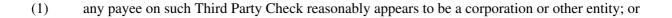
such Third Party Check is used to open or increase an account which is registered in the name of one or more of the payees on such Third Party Check, and

reasonable efforts are made by the Insured, or by the entity receiving Third Party Checks on behalf of the Insured, to verify all endorsements on all Third Party Checks made payable in amounts greater than \$100,000 (provided, however, that the isolated failure to make such efforts in a particular instance will not preclude coverage, subject to the exclusions herein and in the Bond),

and then only to the extent such loss is otherwise covered under this Bond.

For purposes of this Rider, "Third Party Check" means a check made payable to one or more parties and offered as payment to one or more other parties.

It is further understood and agreed that notwithstanding anything to the contrary above or elsewhere in the Bond, this Bond does not cover any loss resulting from or in connection with the acceptance of a Third Party Check where:



(2) such Third Party Check is made payable in an amount greater than \$100,000 and does not include the purported endorsements of all payees on such Third Party Check.

It is further understood and agreed that this Rider shall not apply with respect to any coverage that may be available under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity."

Except as above stated, nothing herein shall be held to alter, waive or extend any of the terms of this Bond.

#### ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

a Risk Retention Group

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

**RIDER NO. 4** 

INSURED BOND NUMBER

Central Securities Corporation

EFFECTIVE DATE

BOND PERIOD

12043113B

AUTHORIZED

REPRESENTATIVE

April 1, 2013 April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014

Most property and casualty insurers, including ICI Mutual Insurance Company, a Risk Retention Group ("ICI Mutual"), are subject to the requirements of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, as amended (the "Act"). The Act establishes a Federal insurance backstop under which ICI Mutual and these other insurers will be partially reimbursed for future "insured losses" resulting from certified "acts of terrorism." (Each of these bolded terms is defined by the Act.) The Act also places certain disclosure and other obligations on ICI Mutual and these other insurers.

Pursuant to the Act, any future losses to ICI Mutual caused by certified "acts of terrorism" will be partially reimbursed by the United States government under a formula established by the Act. Under this formula, the United States government will reimburse ICI Mutual for 85% of ICI Mutual's "insured losses" in excess of a statutorily established deductible until total insured losses of all participating insurers reach \$100 billion. If total "insured losses" of all property and casualty insurers reach \$100 billion during any applicable period, the Act provides that the insurers will not be liable under their policies for their portions of such losses that exceed such amount. Amounts otherwise payable under this bond may be reduced as a result.

This bond has no express exclusion for "acts of terrorism." However, coverage under this bond remains subject to all applicable terms, conditions and limitations of the bond (including exclusions) that are permissible under the Act. The portion of the premium that is attributable to any coverage potentially available under the bond for "acts of terrorism" is one percent (1%).

I, Marlene A. Krumholz, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Central Securities Corporation, and that the following is a true and correct copy of resolutions duly adopted by a majority of the directors who are not "interested persons," at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said Corporation duly called and held on the 20th day of March 2013, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout. I further certify that said resolutions continue in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Registered Management Investment Company Bond No. 12043113B of ICI Mutual Insurance Company, being a single insured bond in the amount of \$900,000, effective April 1, 2013, the expiration date of the prior bond, is, in our judgment, adequate coverage for the protection of the Corporation and its stockholders. In approving such coverage, Messrs. Blackford, Browning, Calder, Colander, Inglis and Walker have considered all relevant factors including (1) the value of the Corporation's assets to which any covered person may have access; (2) the custody arrangements for such assets; (3) the nature of the Corporation's portfolio securities; and (4) the amount of premium for such bond; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary shall make any filings and give any notices required by the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act.

#### /s/Marlene A. Krumholz

Marlene A. Krumholz

Secretary

New York, New York

April 9, 2013