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Minerals Technologies Inc. The Chrysler Building 405 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10174-0002

April 3, 2007

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Minerals Technologies Inc., which will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., at the Grand Hyatt New York, 109 East 42nd Street, Conference Level (3nd Floor), New York, New York 10017.

At this year s meeting, you will be asked to consider and to vote upon the election of two directors. Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the nominees.

You will also be asked to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the 2007 fiscal year. The Board continues to be satisfied with the services KPMG LLP has rendered to Minerals Technologies Inc. and unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** this proposal.

The two items upon which you will be asked to vote are discussed more fully in the Proxy Statement. I urge you to read the Proxy Statement completely and carefully so that you can vote your interests on an informed basis.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, and regardless of the number of shares you own, your representation and vote are very important and you should vote your shares. Therefore, I urge you to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card promptly in the accompanying postage prepaid envelope. All stockholders of record, and many street-name holders, may also vote by internet, or by touchtone telephone from the United States and Canada, using the instructions on the proxy card. If you return a signed proxy without marking it, it will be voted in accordance with management s recommendations. You may, of course, attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, even if you have previously submitted a proxy.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Muscari

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.

The Chrysler Building 405 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10174-0002

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 23, 2007

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC., a Delaware corporation, will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., at the Grand Hyatt New York, 109 East 42nd Street, Conference Level (3rd Floor), New York, New York 10017, to consider and take action on the following items:

- (1) the election of two directors;
- (2) a proposal to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Minerals Technologies Inc. for the 2007 fiscal year; and
- (3) any other business that properly comes before the meeting, either at the scheduled time or after any adjournment.

Stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 26, 2007, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Kirk G. Forrest

Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

New York, New York

April 3, 2007

IMPORTANT

Whether or not you plan to attend in person, please vote by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy. We ask you to mark your choices, sign, date and return the proxy as soon as possible in the enclosed postage prepaid envelope. Alternatively, all stockholders of record, and many street-name holders, can vote by internet, or by touchtone telephone from the United States and Canada, using the instructions on the proxy card. If you return a signed proxy without marking it, it will be voted in accordance with management s recommendations. By promptly submitting a proxy, you will aid us in reducing the expense of additional proxy solicitation.

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.

The Chrysler Building 405 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10174-0002 April 3, 2007

PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement (this Proxy Statement) contains information related to the annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of Minerals Technologies Inc. (the Company) to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at the Grand Hyatt New York, 109 East 42nd Street, Conference Level (3rd Floor), New York, New York 10017. Minerals Technologies Inc. is sending this Proxy Statement and form of proxy to its stockholders on or about April 3, 2007.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROXY MATERIALS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

Why am I being sent these materials?

Ø Minerals

Technologies

Inc. is sending

this Proxy

Statement and

form of proxy

card to its

stockholders

to ask them to

appoint

proxies who

will represent

them at the

Annual

Meeting of

Stockholders.

If a quorum

does not

attend or is

not

represented

by proxy, the

meeting will

have to be

adjourned and

rescheduled.

Who is asking for my proxy?

Ø The

Board of

Directors

asks you

to submit

a proxy

for your

shares so

that even

if you do

not attend

the

meeting,

your

shares

will be

counted

as present

at the

meeting

and voted

as you

direct.

What is the agenda for the Annual Meeting?

Ø At the Annual

Meeting,

stockholders

will vote on

two questions:

the election of

Mr. Joseph C.

Muscari and

Mr. William C.

Stivers as

members of the

Board of

Directors, and

ratification of

the

appointment of

KPMG LLP

(KPMG) as our

independent

registered

public

accounting

firm. Also, our

management

will make a

brief

presentation about the business of Minerals Technologies Inc., and representatives of KPMG will make themselves available to respond to any questions from

the floor.

The Board does not know of any other business that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The form of proxy gives the proxies discretionary authority with respect to any other matters that come before the Annual Meeting, and if such matters arise, the individuals named in the proxy will vote

How does the Board of Directors recommend I vote?

Ø The Board unanimously recommends that you vote

according to their best judgment.

for each of
the nominees
for director,
Joseph C.
Muscari and
William C.
Stivers, and
for
ratification of
the
appointment
of KPMG to
continue as
our auditors.

Who can attend the Annual Meeting?

Ø Any stockholder of Minerals **Technologies** Inc., employees, and other invitees may attend the Annual Meeting. Who can vote at the Annual Meeting? Ø Anyone who owned shares of our common stock at the close of business on March 26, 2007, the Record Date, may vote those shares at the Annual Meeting. Each share is entitled to one vote. What constitutes a quorum for the meeting? According to the by-laws of Minerals

Technologies

Inc., a

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quorum for all meetings of stockholders consists of the holders of a majority of the shares of common

stock issued

and

outstanding and entitled to

vote, present

in person or

by proxy. On

the Record

Date there

were

19,079,181

shares of

common

stock issued

and

outstanding,

so at least

9,539,591

shares must

be

represented at

the meeting

for business

to be

conducted.

Shares of common stock represented by a properly signed and returned proxy are treated as present at the Annual Meeting for

purposes of determining a

quorum, whether the proxy is marked as casting a vote or abstaining.

Shares represented by broker non-votes are also treated as present for purposes of determining a quorum. Broker non-votes are shares held in record name by brokers or nominees, as to which the broker or nominee (i) has not received instructions from the beneficial owner or person entitled to vote, (ii) does not have discretionary

under applicable

voting power

New York

Stock

Exchange

rules or the

document

under which

it serves as

broker or

nominee, and

(iii) has

indicated on the proxy card, or otherwise notified us, that it does not have authority to vote the shares on the matter.

If a quorum does not attend or is not represented, the Annual Meeting will have to be postponed.

How many votes are required for each question to pass?

Ø The by-laws

state that

directors are

to be elected

by a plurality

vote of the

voic of th

shares of

stock present

and entitled to

vote, in

person or by

proxy. All

other

questions are

determined by

a majority of

the votes cast

on the

question,

except as

otherwise

provided by

law or by the

Certificate of

Incorporation

of Minerals

Technologies

Inc.

What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes?

Ø Abstentions

and broker

non-votes as

to the

election of

directors

will not

affect the

outcome of

the election

of directors.

All other

questions

require a

majority of

votes cast in

order to

pass. All

votes cast in

favor of a

given

proposal,

and all votes

cast against

it, are added

together for

a total sum

of votes on

that

proposal.

Abstentions

and broker

non-votes as

to the

proposal

will not

affect the

outcome,

because

they will not

be included

in

calculating

the number

of votes

necessary
for approval
and will not
count as
votes cast
for or
against the
question.

Who will count the votes?

Ø A

representative of our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., will serve as inspector of election.

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Who are Minerals Technologies Inc. s largest stockholders?

Ø As of January

31, 2007,

American

Century

Companies, Inc.

owned 10.9%;

Primecap

Management

Company

owned 10.6%;

M&G

Investment

Management,

Ltd. owned

9.7%; Vanguard

Horizon

Funds Vanguard

Capital

Opportunity

Fund owned

8.2%;

Dimensional

Fund Advisors

LP owned 6.9%;

Wellington

Management

Company, LLP

owned 6.8%;

FMR Corp.

owned 6.1%;

State Street

Bank and Trust

Company

owned 5.3%;

Vanguard

Specialized

Funds Vanguard

Precious Metals

& Mining Fund

owned 5.1% and

M&G

Investment

Funds owned

5.1% of our

common stock.

No other person

owned of

record, or, to

our knowledge, owned beneficially, more than 5% of our common stock.

How can I cast my vote?

Ø You can vote

by completing and mailing the enclosed proxy. We ask you to mark your choices, sign, date and return the proxy as soon as possible in the enclosed postage

prepaid envelope.

All stockholders of record, and many street-name holders, can also vote by internet, or by touchtone telephone from the **United States** and Canada, using the instructions on the proxy card.

You can attend the Annual Meeting and vote your

shares in
person; if
you do, you
should bring
the enclosed
proxy card
with you as
proof of the
number of
shares you
owned on the
Record Date.
What if I submit a proxy but don t mark it to show my preferences?

Ø If you return a

properly signed

proxy without

marking it, it will

be voted in

accordance with

management s

recommendations

on all proposals.

What if I submit a proxy and then change my mind?

Ø If you

submit a

proxy, you

can revoke

it at any

time before

it is voted

by

submitting a

written

revocation

or a new

proxy, or by

voting in

person at

the Annual

Meeting.

However, if

you have

shares held

through a

brokerage

firm, bank

or other

you can revoke an earlier proxy only by following the custodian s procedures. Who is paying for this solicitation of proxies? Ø Minerals **Technologies** Inc. pays the cost of this solicitation. In addition to soliciting proxies through the mail using this **Proxy** Statement, we may solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail and personal contact. These solicitations will be made by our regular employees without additional compensation. We have also engaged Morrow & Co., Inc. to assist in this solicitation of proxies, and

we have agreed to pay that firm \$4,000 for its assistance,

custodian,

plus expenses.

Where can I learn the outcome of the vote?

Ø The

Corporate

Secretary

will

announce

the

preliminary

voting

results at

the Annual

Meeting,

and we will

publish the

final results

in our

quarterly

report on

Form 10-Q

for the

second

quarter of

2007.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors has established Corporate Governance Guidelines pursuant to which all members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board currently consists of eight directors. At the time of last year s annual meeting of stockholders, the Board consisted of eleven directors, all of whom attended the meeting.

The Board has established a code of ethics for the Company s chief executive officer, chief financial officer, and chief accounting officer, entitled Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers. The Board has also established a code of business conduct and ethics for directors, officers and employees of the Company entitled Summary of Policies on Business Conduct. The Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers and the Summary of Policies on Business Conduct are posted on our website, www.mineralstech.com, under the links entitled Corporate Responsibility, then Corporate Governance, and then Policies and Charters and are available in print to any stockholder who requests them by writing to Secretary, Minerals Technologies Inc., The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10174-0002.

The Board of Directors met eight times in 2006. Each of the directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and committees on which he or she served in 2006. At each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the independent (non-management) directors meet in executive session outside the presence of the non-independent (management) directors or any other member of management. These executive sessions, attended only by non-management directors, are presided over by the chair of the committee that has primary responsibility for the principal matter to be discussed. If no specific topic is proposed for the executive session, then the position of presiding director rotates among the chairs of the Audit, Compensation, and Corporate Governance and Nominating committees.

The Board has adopted the following categorical standards to guide it in determining whether a member of the Board can be considered independent for purposes of Section 303A of the Listed Company Manual of the New York Stock Exchange: A director will not be independent if, within the preceding three years:

- Ø the director
 was employed
 by the
 Company, or
 an immediate
 family
 member of the
 director was
 employed by
 the Company,
 as an
 executive
 officer:
- Ø the director or an immediate family member of the director received more than \$100,000

per year in

direct

compensation

from the

Company,

other than

director and

committee

fees and

pensions or

other forms of

direct

compensation

for prior

service

(provided

such

compensation

is not

contingent in

any way on

continued

service);

Ø the director

was employed

by or

affiliated with

the Company s

independent

registered

public

accounting

firm or an

immediate

family

member of the

director was

employed by

or affiliated

with the

Company s

independent

registered

public

accounting

firm in a

professional

capacity;

the director or an immediate family member was employed as an executive officer of another company where any of this Company s present executives served on that company s compensation committee; and

Ø the director

was an

executive

officer or an

employee, or

had an

immediate

family

member who

was an

executive

officer, of a

company that

made

payments to,

or received

payments

from, the

Company for

goods or

services in an

amount

which, in any

single fiscal

year,

exceeded the

greater of

\$1,000,000 or

2% of the

other

company s

consolidated gross revenues.

In the case of each director who qualifies as independent, the Board is aware of no relationships between the director and the Company and its senior management, other than the director's membership on the Board of the Company and on committees of the Board. As a result of its application of the categorical standards and the absence of other relationships, the Board has affirmatively determined (with each member abstaining from consideration of his or her own independence) that none of the non-employee members of the Board violates the categorical standards or otherwise has a relationship with the Company and, therefore, each is independent. Specifically, the Board has affirmatively determined that Ms. Paula H. J. Cholmondeley, Mr. Duane R. Dunham, Mr. Steven J. Golub, Dr. Kristina M. Johnson, Mr. Michael F. Pasquale, Dr. John T. Reid, and Mr. William C. Stivers, comprising all of the non-employee directors, are independent.

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Stockholder Proposals

The following are Minerals Technologies Inc. s procedures for considering stockholder nominations for election to the Board of Directors, as well as other items of business. While the Board has not established any minimum set of qualifications for membership on the Board, it is expected that candidates will have substantial business experience, some familiarity with the industries that Minerals Technologies Inc. serves, and an understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities of a company whose shares are listed on a national securities exchange.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will consider nominations of candidates for director, and the Board of Directors will consider other items of business, that are proposed by stockholders. The Company s by-laws describe the procedures that a stockholder must follow to nominate a candidate for director or to introduce an item of business at a meeting of stockholders. These procedures provide that nominations for directors and items of business to be introduced at an annual meeting of stockholders must be submitted in writing to the Corporate Secretary of Minerals Technologies Inc. at The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10174-0002. If intended to be considered at an annual meeting, the nomination or proposed item of business must be received not less than 70 days nor more than 90 days in advance of the first anniversary of the previous year s annual meeting. Therefore, for purposes of the 2008 annual meeting, any nomination or proposal must be received between February 22 and March 14, 2008. With respect to any other meeting of stockholders, the nomination or item of business must be received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date of our public announcement of the date of the meeting. Under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), if a stockholder proposal intended to be presented at the 2008 annual meeting is to be included in the proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting, we must receive the proposal at the address above no later than 120 days before the anniversary of the mailing date of the Company s proxy statement in connection with the 2007 annual meeting. Therefore, for purposes of the 2008 annual meeting, any such proposal must be received no later than December 5, 2007.

The nomination or item of business must contain:

- Ø The name and address of the stockholder giving notice, as they appear in our books (and of the beneficial owner, if other than the stockholder, on whose behalf the proposal is made);
- Ø The class and number of shares of stock owned of record or beneficially by the

stockholder giving notice (and by the beneficial owner, if other than the stockholder, on whose behalf the proposal is made);

Ø A

representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of stock entitled to vote at the meeting, and intends to appear at the meeting in person or by proxy to make the proposal; and

Ø A

representation whether the stockholder (or beneficial owner, if any) intends, or is part of a group which intends, to deliver a proxy statement and form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of outstanding stock required to elect the nominee or approve the proposal and/or

otherwise solicit proxies from stockholders in support of the nomination or proposal.

Any notice regarding the introduction of an item of business at a meeting of stockholders must also include:

- Ø A brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting;
- Ø The reason for conducting the business at the meeting;
- Ø Any material interest in the item of business of the stockholder giving notice (and of the beneficial owner, if other than the stockholder, on whose behalf the proposal is made); and
- Ø If the business includes a proposal to amend the

by-laws, the language of the proposed amendment.

Any nomination of a candidate for director must also include:

- Ø A signed consent of the nominee to serve as a director, if elected;
- Ø The name, age, business address, residential address and principal occupation or employment of the nominee;

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- Ø The number of shares of Minerals Technologies Inc. common stock beneficially owned by the nominee; and
- Ø Any
 additional
 information
 that would be
 required
 under the
 rules of the
 SEC in a
 proxy
 statement
 soliciting
 proxies for
 the election of
 that nominee
 as a director.

Stockholders and any other interested parties may communicate by e-mail with the independent members of the Board at the following address: *independent.directors@mineralstech.com*. The independent members of the Board have direct access to all messages sent to this address; the messages are monitored by the office of the General Counsel of Minerals Technologies Inc. No message sent to this address will be deleted without the approval of the chair of the committee of the Board with primary responsibility for the principal subject matter of the message.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has established, and approved formal written charters for, an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, and a Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The full texts of the charters of these three committees are available on our website, *www.mineralstech.com*, by clicking on Corporate Responsibility, then Corporate Governance, and then Policies and Charters. The charters are also available in print to any stockholder who requests them by writing to Minerals Technologies Inc., The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York NY 10174-0002, Attn: Corporate Secretary.

The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of Mr. Stivers (Chair), Ms. Cholmondeley, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Pasquale and Dr. Reid, none of whom is an employee of Minerals Technologies Inc. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is independent and financially literate in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, as well as being independent under the rules of the SEC. The Board has also determined that each of Mr. Stivers, Chair of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Pasquale, is an audit committee financial expert for purposes of Section 407 of the Sarbanes- Oxley Act of 2002, and has financial expertise for purposes of the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

Ms. Cholmondeley serves as a member of the audit committees of more than three public companies. The Board has determined that such simultaneous service does not impair Ms. Cholmondeley sability to serve effectively on the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee met six times in 2006.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are:

To assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of (i) the integrity of the Company s financial statements, (ii) the Company s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the qualifications and independence of the Company s independent registered public accounting firm, and (iv) the performance of the Company s internal audit function and independent registered public

Ø To appoint, compensate, and oversee the work of the independent

accounting firm;

registered public accounting firm employed by the Company (including resolution of disagreements between management and the auditors concerning financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. The independent registered public accounting firm shall report directly to the Committee:

Ø To prepare the

and

report of the

Committee

required by the

rules of the

SEC to be

included in the

Company s

annual proxy

statement.

In addition to its regularly scheduled meetings, the Audit Committee is available either as a group or individually to discuss any matters that might affect the financial statements, internal controls or other financial aspects of the operations of Minerals Technologies Inc. The Chair of the Audit Committee may be reached at the following e-mail address: *audit.chair@mineralstech.com*.

The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Mr. Pasquale (Chair), Mr. Dunham, Mr. Golub and Mr. Stivers, none of whom is an employee of Minerals Technologies Inc. The Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Compensation Committee is independent in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. The Compensation Committee met six times in 2006.

The primary duties of the Compensation Committee are:

- Ø To participate in the development of our compensation and benefits policies;
- Ø To establish, and from time to time vary, the salaries and other compensation of the Company s employee-directors and other elected officers; and
- Ø To participate in top-level management succession planning.

The Chair of the Compensation Committee may be reached at the following e-mail address: *compensation.chair@mineralstech.com*.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

There were no Compensation Committee interlocks or insider (employee) participation during 2006.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee currently consists of Dr. Reid (Chair), Ms. Cholmondeley, Mr. Dunham, and Dr. Johnson, none of whom is an employee of Minerals Technologies Inc. The Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is independent in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee met six times in 2006.

The primary duties of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee are:

Ø The identification of

individuals
qualified to
become Board
members and the
recommendation
to the Board of
nominees for
election to the
Board at the next
annual meeting
of stockholders
or whenever a
vacancy shall
occur on the
Board;

Ø The establishment and operation of committees of the Board; and

Ø The development and recommendation to the Board of corporate governance principles applicable to the Company.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee monitors the composition of the Board to assure that it contains a reasonable balance of professional interests, business experience, financial experience, and independent directors. If the Committee determines that it is in the best interests of the Company to add new Board members, it will consider nominations from several sources, including nominations from sitting members of the Board, search firms and stockholders, made in accordance with the by-laws of the Company. All nominees will be evaluated in accordance with the specific needs of the Board and the Company, as determined from time to time by the Board. The Committee will use its best judgment in recommending to the Board nominees for election, without regard to the source of the nominations.

The Chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee may be reached at the following e-mail address: *governance.chair@mineralstech.com*.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Mr. Muscari, a director of Minerals Technologies Inc. since 2005 and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since March 1, 2007, served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Alcoa Inc. prior to joining the Company. Since January 1, 2006, Alcoa Inc. made a series of purchases of refractory products from Minerals Technologies Inc. totaling \$400,169. In addition, since January 1, 2006, Alcoa Inc. made a series of sales of metallurgical raw materials to Minerals Technologies Inc. totaling \$820,245.

Mr. Stivers, a director of Minerals Technologies Inc. since 2003, also serves on the board of directors of Domtar Corporation since March 2007. Domtar Corporation is a newly created company resulting from the combination of Weyerhaeuser Company s fine paper business and related assets with Domtar Inc., a transaction which closed in March 2007. Since January 1, 2006, the Company made a series of sales of precipitated calcium carbonate to Domtar Inc. totaling approximately \$38,487,000; and to Weyerhaeuser Corporation totaling approximately \$30,751,000.

Policies and Procedures for Approval of Related Party Transactions

We recognize that related party transactions can present potential or actual conflicts of interest and create the appearance that Company decisions are based on considerations other than the Company s best interests and those of our stockholders. Therefore, our Board of Directors has adopted a formal, written policy with respect to related party transactions.

For the purpose of the policy, a related party transaction is a transaction in which the Company participates and in which any related party has a direct or indirect material interest, other than (1) transactions available to all employees or customers generally or (2) transactions involving less than \$120,000 when aggregated with all similar transactions during the course of the fiscal year.

Under the policy, a related party transaction may be entered into only (i) if the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee approves or ratifies such transaction and if the transaction is on terms comparable to those that could be obtained in arms -length dealings with an unrelated third party, or (ii) if the transaction has been approved by the disinterested members of the Board of Directors. Related party transactions may be approved or ratified only if the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee or the disinterested members of the Board determine that, under all of the circumstances, the transaction is in the best interests of the Company.

The current policy was formalized and adopted in March 2007. All related party transactions since January 1, 2006, which were required to be reported in this Proxy Statement, were approved or ratified by either the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee or the disinterested members of the Board of Directors.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2007

Title of Class	Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(a)	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(b)	Percent of Class	Number of Units Owned(c)
Common	American Century Companies, Inc. 4500 Main Street, 9th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111	2,077,551 (d)	10.9 %	
	Primecap Management Company 225 South Lake Avenue, #400 Pasadena, CA 91101	2,014,200 (e)	10.6 %	
	M&G Investment Management, Ltd. Governor s House Laurence Pountney Hill London, UK EC4R 0HH	1,851,000 (f)	9.7 %	
	Vanguard Horizon Funds Vanguard Capital Opportunity Fund 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	1,560,000 (g)	8.2 %	
	Dimensional Fund Advisors LP 1299 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90401	1,321,469 (h)	6.9 %	
	Wellington Management Company, LLP 75 State Street Boston, MA 02109	1,295,700 (i)	6.8 %	
	FMR Corp. 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109	1,169,300 (j)	6.1 %	
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110	1,011,703 (k)	5.3 %	
	Vanguard Specialized Funds	977,000 (1)	5.1 %	
	Vanguard Precious Metals & Mining Fund 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355			
	M & G Investment Funds Governor s House Laurence Pountney Hill London, UK EC4R 0HH	967,670 (m)	5.1 %	
	P. R. Saueracker	215,455 (n)	1.1 %	20,384
	J. A. Sorel	67,252 (o)	*	6,906
	K. L. Massimine	49,085 (p)	*	2,819
	A. F. Bouruet-Aubertot	37,673 (q)	*	829
	K. G. Forrest	4,447 (r)	*	129

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P. H. J. Cholmondeley	600	*	2,017
D. R. Dunham	400	*	3,495
S. J. Golub	3,396 (s)	*	14,224
K. M. Johnson	359 (t)	*	5,288
J. C. Muscari	300 (u)	*	1,832
M. F. Pasquale	2,119 (v)	*	7,316
J. T. Reid	1,250	*	7,376
W.C. Stivers	2,000	*	3,222

(a) The address of each director and officer is c/o Minerals Technologies Inc., The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10174-0002.

(b) Sole voting and investment power, except as otherwise indicated.

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Units, which (c) entitle the officer or director to a cash benefit equal to the number of units in his or her account multiplied by the closing price of our common stock on the business day prior to the date of payment, have been credited to Messrs. Saueracker, Sorel, Massimine, Bouruet-Aubertot and Forrest under the Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan; and to Ms. Cholmondeley, Messrs. Dunham, Golub, Muscari, Pasquale, Stivers, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Reid under the Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Unit Award Plan for Non-Employee Directors. (See Director Compensation

(d) Based on a statement on Schedule 13G dated February 13, 2007 filed with the SEC on behalf of

below).

American Century Companies, Inc. a holding company, **American Century** Investment Management, Inc. (ACIM), an investment adviser, and American Century Capital Portfolios, Inc., an investment company. These securities are owned by various persons, including investment companies and separate institutional investor accounts that ACIM serves as an investment adviser.

- (e) Based on a statement on Schedule 13G dated February 13, 2007 filed with the SEC on behalf of Primecap Management Company, a registered investment adviser.
- (f) Based on a statement on Schedule 13G dated January 29, 2007 filed with the SEC on behalf of M&G Investment Management, Ltd. (MAGIM), an investment

adviser.

According to

MAGIM s

Schedule 13G,

some of the

1,851,000 shares

are owned legally

by Vanguard

Precious Metals &

Mining Fund,

MAGIM s

investment

advisory client.

Vanguard

Precious Metals &

Mining Fund filed

a separate

Schedule 13G

dated February

14, 2007 covering

977,000 shares of

our common stock

as reflected in the

table above and in

footnote (1)

below. In

addition, M&G

Investment Funds

(M&G),

MAGIM s

investment

advisory client,

filed a separate

Schedule 13G,

dated February 5,

2007 covering

967,670 shares as

reflected in the

table above and in

footnote (m)

below. According

to M&G s

Schedule 13G, all

of the 967,670

shares are legally

owned by M&G

and none are

owned directly by

MAGIM.

Based on a

statement on

Schedule 13G

dated February

14, 2007 filed

with the SEC on

behalf of

Vanguard

Horizon

Funds Vanguard

Capital

Opportunity Fund,

a registered

investment

adviser.

(h) Based on a

statement on

Schedule 13G

dated February 9,

2007 filed with

the SEC on behalf

of Dimensional

Fund Advisors LP

(Dimensional),

formerly

Dimensional Fund

Advisors Inc., an

investment

adviser. These

securities are

owned by four

investment

companies and

certain other

commingled

group trusts and

separate accounts.

For purposes of

the reporting

requirements of

the Securities

Exchange Act of

1934,

Dimensional may

be deemed to be a

beneficial owner

of such securities;

however,

Dimensional

expressly

disclaims that it is, in fact, the beneficial owner of such securities.

- (i) Based on a statement on Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2007 filed with the SEC on behalf of Wellington Management Company, LLP, an investment adviser.
- (j) Based on a statement on Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2007 filed with the SEC on behalf of FMR Corp., a parent holding company, and Edward C. Johnson 3d. **Fidelity** Management & Research Company (Fidelity), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and an investment advisor, is the beneficial owner of these securities as a result of acting as an investment advisor to various investment companies. Edward C. Johnson 3d. and FMR Corp.

through its control

of Fidelity and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 1,169,300 shares owned by the funds. Members of the family of Edward C. Johnson, through their ownership of voting common stock representing 49% of the voting power of FMR Corp., may be deemed to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp. under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Neither FMR Corp., nor Mr. Johnson, has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity funds.

dated February 12, 2007 filed with the SEC on behalf of State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street Bank), a bank. For purposes of

(k) Based on a

statement on Schedule 13G

the reporting requirements of the Securities and

Exchange Act of 1934, State Street

Bank may be

deemed to be a

beneficial owner of such securities; however, State Street Bank expressly disclaims that it is, in fact, the beneficial owner of such securities.

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(1) Based on a

statement on

Schedule 13G

dated February

14, 2007 filed

with the SEC on

behalf of

Vanguard

Specialized

Funds Vanguard

Precious Metals

& Mining Fund,

a registered

investment

company. As

stated in

footnote (f)

above, MAGIM,

Vanguard

Precious Metals

& Mining Fund s

investment

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Schedule 13G

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the shares

covered by

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owned by

Vanguard

Precious Metals

& Mining Fund.

(m) Based on a

statement on

Schedule 13G

dated February

5, 2007 filed

with the SEC on

behalf of M&G

Investment

Funds, an

open-ended

investment company with variable capital, incorporated in England and Wales and authorized by the Financial Services Authority.

- (n) 183,795 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
- (o) 3,700 of these shares are held by Mr. Sorel and his wife as joint tenants, and Mr. Sorel has shared investment and voting power with respect to these shares. 60,761 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
- (p) 43,695 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
- (q) 35,034 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable

currently or within 60 days.

- (r) 4,134 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
- (s) 296 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
- (t) 159 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
- (u) All 300 shares are held by Mr. Muscari and his wife as joint tenants, and Mr. Muscari has shared investment and voting power with respect to these shares.
- (v) 319 of these shares are subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days.
 - * Less than 1%.

As a group, our directors and officers (19 individuals) own 481,587 shares of common stock (including 405,430 shares subject to options which are exercisable currently or within 60 days), representing approximately 2.5% of our common stock, and 81,460 units.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our directors, executive officers and any persons who own more than 10% of our common stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Based solely on a review of our records and of copies furnished to us of reports under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or written representations that no such reports were required, we believe that all reports required to be filed by our directors, officers and greater than 10% stockholders were timely filed, except for the following three reports on Form 4: one Form 4 covering one transaction was filed one day late by Mr. Rick B. Honey, Vice President, Investor Relations/Corporate Communications; one Form 4 covering two transactions was filed one day late by Dr. John T. Reid, director; and one Form 4 covering three transactions was filed one day late by Dr. Jean-Paul Vallès, director of the Company through October 31, 2006.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of our compensation program for named executive officers should be read in conjunction with the accompanying tables and text disclosing the compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the named executive officers.

Compensation of our named executive officers is determined under Mineral Technologies Inc. s compensation program for senior executives. This program is governed by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Currently, the Compensation Committee determines the compensation of all 10 of the executive officers of the Company. This discussion and analysis focuses on our named executive officers, who are the Company s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and three other most highly compensated executive officers ranked by their total compensation in the Summary Compensation Table and other compensation tables in this proxy statement.

Objectives of Our Compensation Program for Named Executive Officers

The Compensation Committee believes that the compensation program for executive officers should reward the achievement of the short-term and long-term objectives of the Company, and that compensation should be related to the value created for its stockholders. Furthermore, the program should reflect competitive opportunities and best practices in the marketplace

The following objectives serve as guiding principles for the Compensation Committee:

Provide a market-based, competitive total compensation opportunity that allows the Company to attract, retain, motivate and reward highly skilled executives;

Establish a strong pay-for-performance culture based on the achievement of key business objectives and reinforced by incentive-based pay;

Provide total remuneration opportunities for executives that will approximate the third quartile of the marketplace contingent upon on the attainment of

high levels of performance; and;

Strengthen the linkage between executive and stockholder interests through the usage of equity awards and executive stock ownership.

Elements of Our Compensation Program for Named Executive Officers

We have structured the major portion of executive compensation as total direct remuneration, encompassing salary, annual incentive awards and long-term incentive awards. Additional elements supplement the total direct remuneration. The table below lists the compensatory elements of our program and briefly explains their purpose.

Element of Compensation Program	Description	How This Element Promotes Company Objectives/ Positioning vs. Market				
Annual Compensation*:						
Salary*	Fixed annual compensation that is certain as to payment; provides continuous income to meet ongoing living costs.	Intended to be competitive with marketplace, to aid in recruitment and retention. Targeted at the 60th percentile of the marketplace.				
Annual Incentive*	Offers opportunity to earn performance-based compensation for achieving pre-set annual goals. For 2006, the goals were based on Operating Income and personal performance.	Motivate and reward achievement of corporate objectives. Target annual incentives should provide the opportunity for total cash compensation that is at the 75th percentile of the marketplace for very high levels of performance.				
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Element of Compensation Program	Description	How This Element Promotes Company Objectives/ Positioning vs. Market				
Long-term Compensation*:						
Stock Options	Stock options granted at fair market value on date of grant with ratable vesting over three years. At least 50% of the after-tax value of appreciation must be held in stock for at least five years.	More highly leveraged risk and reward alignment with stockholder value; vesting terms and holding requirements promote retention and a strong linkage to the long-term interests of stockholders.				
Deferred Restricted Stock Units (DRSUs)	Full value grant of stock units with ratable vesting over three years. At least 50% of the shares received upon vesting of DRSUs must be held by executives for five years.	Intended to increase long-term equity ownership and to focus executives on providing stockholders with superior investment returns.				
Performance Units	Units payout in cash based on three-year performance goals.	Units earned based on performance metrics that are believed to be key to achieving success in the Company s strategies.				
Other Compensation Elements:						
Retirement Income	Qualified and non-qualified defined benefit and qualified defined contribution plans intended to provide for replacement of annual compensation with pension or lump sum payments upon retirement.	Fair and competitive program designed to provide basic retirement benefits.				
Deferred Compensation	Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan is a nonfunded deferred compensation plan that mirrors the Company s qualified defined contribution plan.	Modest program that allows executives to have same level of benefits as other participants not subject to IRS limits.				
Severance Payments and Benefits, including after a Change in Control	Payments and benefits upon termination of an executive s employment in specified circumstances.	Intended to provide assurance of financial security to attract lateral hires and to retain executives, especially in disruptive circumstances, such as a change in control and leadership transitions; encourages management to consider transactions that could benefit stockholders.				
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Element of Compensation Program	Description	How This Element Promotes Company Objectives/ Positioning vs. Market
Benefits	Health and welfare benefits.	Fair and competitive programs to provide family protection, facilitate recruitment and retention.
Perquisites	Personal benefits limited to financial counseling and, in the case of the Chief Executive Officer only, a Company-provided leased car.	Highly desired benefits which can represent cost-effective elements of compensation.

Salary, annual incentive (bonus) and long-term compensation comprise total direct remuneration, which provides the opportunity for compensation that is at the 75th percentile of competitive market compensation and which may only be achieved with the attainment of very high levels of

performance.

The Compensation Committee reviews and takes into account all elements of executive compensation in setting policies and determining compensation amounts. In this process, the Compensation Committee reviews tally sheets and other reports and analyses of executive compensation including those prepared by the Compensation Committee s independent advisor, Steven Hall & Partners.

Other policies and practices that help promote our compensation objectives include:

Employment Agreements. We have employment agreements with all of the named executive officers. These agreements formalize the terms of the employment relationship and the Company s obligations to the executive during employment and in the event of termination. Additionally, these agreements clearly define the obligations of executives during and after employment with the Company. This includes compliance with restrictive terms that

protect our business related to competitive activities, solicitation of our employees, customers and business partners, the disclosure of confidential information, and other actions that could be harmful to the Company post-employment. Employment agreements promote careful and complete documentation and understanding of employment terms, including strong protections for our business, and discourage frequent renegotiation of the terms of employment. Conversely, employment agreements can limit our ability to change certain employment and compensation terms. In some cases, including when an executive has been recruited to join us, executives have negotiated with us regarding the terms of their employment. The agreements embody the employment terms on which the Compensation Committee and the executives have reached agreement.

Equity Award Grant Practices. Most of our option grants have occurred as part of our regular annual grant of equity awards at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Compensation Committee, typically in February. The Company considers interim grants in cases of new hires, promotions and other special situations.

Changes to Executive Compensation Program for 2006

The following modifications were made to the Company s 2006 executive compensation program:

Froze 2006 base salaries for executive officers at 2005 levels

Modified the performance/payout curve for the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan

Established a supplemental six-month annual incentive plan

These modifications are discussed in detail below.

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Total Direct Remuneration

Comparator Group Companies. We intend that the levels of compensation available to executive officers who successfully enhance corporate value be competitive with the compensation offered by publicly held companies so that we can successfully attract and retain the high quality executive talent critical to the long-term success of Minerals Technologies Inc. Furthermore, we seek to encourage outstanding performance through the opportunity to earn top of market levels of pay for superior performance. To understand the competitive market for pay, we analyze the compensation programs at a comparator group of companies in setting compensation terms for our program.

The Company s primary business competitors are foreign companies, privately-held firms or subsidiaries of publicly-traded companies. Accordingly, compensation data for most of our primary business competitors is either not comparable or not publicly available. Therefore, based on information and analysis provided by the Committee s executive compensation consultants, Steven Hall & Partners, we identified the following 15 specialty chemical companies as our comparator group for reference in setting compensation for 2006:

Albemarle Corporation H.B. Fuller Company Octel Corporation
Arch Chemicals, Inc. Georgia Gulf Corporation Omnova Solutions Inc.
Cabot Corporation Great Lakes Chemical Corporation

Cytec Industries Inc. MacDermid, Incorporated Spartech Corporation

Ferro Corporation NL Industries, Inc. Wellman, Inc.

We do not rely exclusively on comparator group data in setting the terms of our compensation program. Consideration also is given to major compensation surveys of companies in the chemical industry, as well as companies in general industry. Survey information helps to confirm the validity and provide broader context to the comparator group data, as well as provide data for positions where comparator data is not available from public filings with the SEC.

Total Direct Remuneration. Total direct remuneration, the sum of salary, annual incentive awards and long-term incentive awards, provides the major portion of each named executive s remuneration through performance-based incentives. We place at risk a majority of total direct remuneration, requiring achievement of performance goals as a condition to earning annual incentives and Performance Units. In addition, stock price appreciation is required in order for executives to realize value from stock options. The at-risk portion of total direct remuneration provides for increasing pay for higher levels of corporate performance.

In setting each named executive officer s total direct remuneration opportunity, the Compensation Committee takes into account other factors such as the responsibilities, performance, contributions and service of the executive, including compensation in relation to other employees. As a result, we do not set total direct remuneration or the component parts at levels to achieve a mathematically precise market position.

As discussed above, our program has provided substantial portions of total direct remuneration in the form of DRSUs and stock options, to promote share ownership as a direct means of aligning the interests of executives with the interests of stockholders. Our share retention requirements have also encouraged long-term share holding. Cash compensation permits executives to meet living expenses and build wealth through diversified investments, and we therefore seek to provide balance in the mix of cash and non-cash compensation. The more senior the role, the greater the percentage of compensation provided in the form of long-term incentives.

Base Salary. Base salaries are determined in accordance with the responsibilities of each named executive officer, the officer s tenure in position, performance and market data for the position, although no particular weight is assigned to any one factor. Each employee receives an annual performance rating. The performance rating of the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer is assigned by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Board. The

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 $^{\rm 1}$ In July 2005, Great Lakes Chemical merged with Crompton Corporation to create Chemtura Corporation.

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other officers, including the named executive officers, are assigned by the Company s Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, subject to review by the Compensation Committee.

Based on the Company s performance, general business outlook, and industry compensation trends, we set guidelines for average percentage compensation adjustments for all employees for the coming year. The percentage increase received by a particular employee is determined on the basis of the employee s performance rating and current compensation level compared to similar marketplace positions. In consideration of the Company s performance in 2005, management recommended, and the Compensation Committee agreed, to freeze base salaries in 2006 at 2005 levels for all officers, including the named executive officers.

Annual Incentives. We maintain a strong link between performance and pay within our executive compensation program through emphasis on incentives and utilization of performance measures that we believe are key drivers of stockholder value creation. For the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan, we determined that Operating Income performance is one of the most important metrics as viewed by stockholders, and therefore deserves significant focus. For Corporate staff executive officers, 70% of bonus opportunity was based on the Company s Operating Income, with 30% based on personal performance objectives. For our executive officers that are Business Unit Heads, 40% of bonus opportunity was based on the Company s Operating Income, 30% on Business Unit Operating Income and 30% on personal performance objectives. Threshold performance of 80% of target is required in order for any bonus related to the Operating Income metric to be paid.

Personal performance objectives for executive officers during 2006, other than the Chief Executive Officer, were set by Mr. Saueracker, who served as the Company s Chief Executive Officer until March 1, 2007. Personal performance objectives for the Chief Executive Officer were set by the Compensation Committee. The personal performance component provides rewards to executives in recognition of contributions in other key areas not captured in the financial metrics. A threshold Operating Income ratio (as a percentage of Revenues) was required for any payout under the personal objectives metric.

The target annual award opportunity for the named executive officers ranged from 60% of base salary up to 75% of base salary for the Chief Executive Officer. For the full-year 2006 bonus payments, if earned, range from 0% up to 150% of base salary for the Chief Executive Officer, and from 0% up to 120% of base salary for the other named executive officers. The performance/payout curve was modified for 2006 to lower the threshold to 80% (from 85% threshold in the 2005 Annual Incentive Plan) to reflect typical plan designs found in the marketplace and to recognize aggressive targets. The table below shows the performance/payout curve. Performance between the stated percentages is interpolated.

Performance as a % of Target	% of 2006 Target Payout
< 80%	0 %
80% (threshold)	25 %
85%	40 %
90%	60 %
95%	80 %
100% (target)	100 %
105%	125 %
110%	150 %
115%	175 %

>120% (maximum)

200 %

Results of the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan are discussed in the Pay-for-Performance Analysis section.

2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee reviewed the goals set for incentive payouts for 2005 and extraordinary events that affected the Company s business, which resulted in no 2005 annual incentive payouts to executives. Based on this review, the Compensation Committee determined that in order to recognize accomplishments of 2005 and to address retention concerns, the Compensation Committee adopted a supplemental incentive plan for the first six months of 2006. The Compensation Committee set a threshold Operating Income target for the first six months

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of 2006. If this threshold was achieved, a bonus pool of 40% of the 2006 full-year targeted bonus opportunity for executive officers would be available to be distributed among the officers based on individual performance criteria. Mr. Saueracker would recommend to the Committee for their review and approval the distribution of the pool dollars based on individual performance for executive officers, excluding the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Saueracker s supplemental bonus would be determined based on the assessment of the Compensation Committee. Results of the 2006 supplemental incentive plan are discussed in the Pay-for-Performance Analysis section.

Long-Term Incentives. The Committee generally determines the total long-term incentive award to an executive officer as a percentage of base salary. Then, the Committee establishes the split among the three long-term incentive vehicles (stock options, DRSUs and Performance Units). The Committee decided that the total long term incentive value would be split as follows: 20% in the form of stock options (using the Black-Scholes option valuation methodology), 40% in DRSUs and 40% in Performance Units. This split represented a desire to base awards on performance and the general marketplace trend of decreasing the emphasis on stock options. The applicable percentage of total long-term incentive awards ranged from 175% to 300% of base salary for the named executive officers. These levels were increased from the prior year in recognition of competitive marketplace opportunities relative to our comparator group.

Stock Options. Stock options with an exercise price of \$54.23 were awarded to the named executive officers on February 22, 2006. The exercise price represents fair market value on the date of grant as defined in the 2001 Stock Award and Incentive Plan as the average of the high and the low stock price on the grant date. These options have a ten-year term and vest in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries from the date of grant. Upon exercise, at least 50% of the after-tax value of appreciation must be held in Company stock for at least five years.

DRSUs. DRSUs vest in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries from the date of grant. At least 50% of the shares received upon vesting of the DRSUs must be held by executives for five years.

Performance Units. Performance Units vest at the end of a three-year performance period (2006-2008). The value of each Performance Unit is dependent on the Company's Earnings Per Share (EPS) Growth and Return on Capital Employed. The two performance metrics are weighted equally. If performance does not meet minimum threshold levels, the unit will be worth \$0. At target performance, a unit is worth \$100 and may be worth up to \$300 at maximum performance levels. The performance unit value is paid out in cash at the end of the performance period. Performance between the stated percentages is interpolated.

Performance as a % of Target	Unit	t Value
<75%	\$	0
75% (threshold)	\$	50
90%	\$	75
100% (target)	\$	100
115%	\$	200
>125% (maximum)	\$	300

The following table shows the target total direct remuneration opportunity authorized by the Compensation Committee for the year ended December 31, 2006. The table includes the amount of annual incentive that could be earned by meeting target performance goals relating to Operating Income and personal objectives in 2006. The table also displays total long term incentive awards as a component of 2006 target total direct compensation.

Name Salary Target Annual Incentive Total Target Target Total

		Sup	plemental	20	006 Plan	Plan Long-Term Incentive Value		Re	Direct muneration
Paul R. Saueracker Chairman, President and Chief Executive									
Officer	\$ 675,000	\$	202,500	\$	506,250	\$	2,025,000	\$	3,408,750
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		Target Annual Incentive			Lo	tal Target ong-Term ncentive	Target Total Direct		
Name	Salary	Sup	plemental	20	006 Plan		Value	Rei	muneration
John A. Sorel Senior Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer	\$ 317,000	\$	76,080	\$	190,200	\$	554,750	\$	1,138,030
Kenneth L. Massimine Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Paper PCC	\$ 313,000	\$	75,120	\$	187,800	\$	782,500	\$	1,358,420
Alain F. Bouruet-Aubertot Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Minteq International	\$ 306,000	\$	73,440	\$	183,600	\$	765,000	\$	1,328,040
Kirk G. Forrest Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	\$ 270,000	\$	64,800	\$	162,000	\$	472,500	\$	969,300

The following table presents the target compensation mix authorized by the Compensation Committee for the year ended December 31, 2006. The only fixed component of total direct remuneration at the Company is base salary. The short-term components are base salary and annual incentives (supplemental and 2006 Plan). The cash component includes base salary, annual incentives and Performance Units which pay out in cash. Accordingly, between 61% and 69% of the cash compensation of each named executive officer is at risk.

Target Compensation Mix

Name	Fixed	At Risk	Short- Term	Long- Term	Cash	Equity
P.R. Saueracker	20 %	80 %	41 %	59 %	64 %	36 %
J.A. Sorel	28 %	72 %	51 %	49 %	71 %	29 %
K.L. Massimine	23 %	77 %	42 %	58 %	65 %	35 %
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot	23 %	77 %	42 %	58 %	65 %	35 %
K.G. Forrest	28 %	72 %	51 %	49 %	71 %	29 %

Pay-for-Performance Analysis. Our compensation plan is intended to provide compensation that reflects the Company s performance. Actual total direct remuneration paid in 2006 was less than target remuneration due to 2006 performance that was below targeted results.

In July 2006, the Compensation Committee reviewed the results of the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan. While the threshold target was met, the year-to-date results were below expectations and management recommended distributing 50% (20% of full-year target 2006 bonus opportunity) of the available bonus pool. The Compensation Committee agreed with management s recommendation, resulting in payments as follows:

2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan

Name	Target	Paid	Paid as % of Target
P.R. Saueracker	\$ 202,500	\$ 100,000	49 %
J.A. Sorel	\$ 76,080	\$ 36,000	47 %
K.L. Massimine	\$ 75,120	\$ 41,500	55 %
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot	\$ 73,440	\$ 38,000	52 %
K.G. Forrest	\$ 64,800	\$ 35,000	54 %

In January 2007, the Committee reviewed the results of the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan. Bonuses were determined based on the Company achieving 90.3% of its Corporate Operating Income targets and the Company s Business Units achieving from 78.6% to 101.7% of their respective Operating Income targets. Although the threshold Operating Income ratio related to the personal performance component was not achieved, the Compensation Committee in its discretion decided to payout a pro rata portion, adjusted for individual performance ratings. Individual performance ratings were

submitted by the Chief Executive Officer for discussion and approval by the Compensation Committee. Payments to the named executive officers under the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan are as follows:

2006 Annual Incentive Plan

Name	Target	Paid	Paid as % of Target
P.R. Saueracker	\$ 506,250	\$ 352,932	70 %
J.A. Sorel	\$ 190,200	\$ 132,598	70 %
K.L. Massimine	\$ 187,800	\$ 165,790	88 %
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot	\$ 183,600	\$ 152,778	83 %
K.G. Forrest	\$ 162,000	\$ 120,026	74 %

In February 2007, the Committee reviewed the results of Performance Units granted in 2004 related to the 2004-2006 performance period. There were no payouts to executives related to these Performance Units as the Company did not meet the threshold Operating Income target during this performance period.

The following table summarizes actual total direct remuneration to the named executive officers in 2006.

		Annual Incentive Paid				ong-Term ncentive	Actual Total Direct		
Name	Salary	Sup	plemental	20	006 Plan	•	Values*	Re	muneration
P.R. Saueracker	\$ 675,000	\$	100,000	\$	352,933	\$	1,244,883	\$	2,372,816
J.A. Sorel	\$ 317,000	\$	36,000	\$	132,598	\$	340,007	\$	825,605
K.L. Massimine	\$ 313,000	\$	41,500	\$	165,790	\$	480,757	\$	1,001,047
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot	\$ 306,000	\$	38,000	\$	152,778	\$	471,599	\$	968,377
K.G. Forrest	\$ 270,000	\$	35,000	\$	120,026	\$	342,410	\$	767,436

^{*} Represents grant date fair value of DRSUs and stock options granted in February 2006, (except for Mr. Forrest, who in addition to the February 2006 grant also had 900

DRSUs granted in January 2006) and zero value for performance units as no payout was made for the 2004-2006 performance period.

In determining actual total remuneration for each of the named executive officers, the Compensation Committee relied upon results achieved as measured by the payout curve of the 2006 Incentive Plan, achievement of threshold performance required for payout under the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan, below threshold performance for Performance Units related to the 2004-2006 period, individual performance versus established 2006 goals and objectives as determined by performance appraisal ratings, and marketplace levels of compensation paid by our comparator group and in general industry. Specific factors for each of our named executive officers are discussed below.

Mr. Saueracker: The Company s 2006 financial performance was below target as measured by Operating Income and Operating Income as a percentage of sales, thereby resulting in payouts under the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan and the 2006 Incentive Plan that were below target levels. The Compensation Committee reviewed Mr. Saueracker s 2006 goals and objectives and assessed his performance versus the objectives in areas such as financial performance, strategic and growth initiatives, vision, organization development, and external and investor relations.

Mr. Sorel: The Company s 2006 financial performance was below target as measured by Operating Income and Operating Income as a percentage of sales, thereby resulting in payouts under the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan and the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan that were below target levels. Mr. Saueracker and the Compensation Committee reviewed Mr. Sorel s 2006 goals and objectives and assessed his performance versus the objectives in areas such as enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementation and global Shared Services capabilities and expansion.

Mr. Massimine: Business Unit performance was above target levels resulting in payment to Mr. Massimine for the 30% of his 2006 Annual Incentive bonus that is determined by Business Unit performance to be at 101.7% of target. Mr. Massimine s total bonus payments under the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan and the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan were below target due to Corporate Operating Income results. Mr. Saueracker and the Compensation Committee reviewed Mr. Massimine s

2006 goals and objectives and assessed his performance versus the objectives in areas such as Asian and European Region performance and new technology introduction.

Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot: Business Unit performance was slightly below target levels resulting in payment to Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot for the 30% of his 2006 Annual Incentive bonus that is determined by Business Unit performance to be at 96.6% of target. Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot s total bonus payments under the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan and the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan were below target due to Corporate Operating Income results. Mr. Saueracker and the Compensation Committee reviewed Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot s 2006 goals and objectives and assessed his performance versus the objectives in areas such as China business development and raw material sourcing strategies.

Mr. Forrest: The Company s 2006 financial performance was below target as measured by Operating Income and Operating Income as a percentage of sales, thereby resulting in payouts under the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan and the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan that were below target levels. Mr. Saueracker and the Compensation Committee reviewed Mr. Forrest s 2006 goals and objectives and assessed his performance versus the objectives in areas such as Intellectual Property Management and Legal expense management.

Compensation Arrangement of New Chief Executive Officer

Joseph C. Muscari, a member of the Board of Directors since 2005, has succeeded Mr. Saueracker effective March 1, 2007 as the Company s Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. On November 27, 2006, Mr. Muscari and the Company entered into a five-year employment agreement commencing on March 1, 2007. According to the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Muscari s 2007 base salary will be \$850,000. Mr. Muscari s 2007 target performance-based bonus will be \$750,000. The performance targets for 2007 will be mutually agreed by Mr. Muscari and the Board of Directors after March 1, 2007.

Subject to adjustment by the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee, it is contemplated that Mr. Muscari will be awarded, on an annual basis starting in 2007, (1) 20,000 DRSUs of the Company s common stock; (2) options to purchase 35,000 shares of the Company s common stock at a price determined on the date of the grant. For 2007, Mr. Muscari will not receive a Performance Unit grant; however, in 2008 only, there will be two awards of 12,000 Performance Units each. One award of 12,000 Performance Units will be earned based on a two-year performance period, while the second award of 12,000 units will be earned based on a three-year performance period.

Annual target total direct remuneration for Mr. Muscari was positioned at the 75th percentile of the market. The Compensation Committee determined that such marketplace positioning was appropriate given Mr. Muscari s experience, accomplishments and pay level at his previous employer.

All of the foregoing awards are governed by and subject to the terms and conditions of the Company s 2001 Stock Award and Incentive Plan, as approved by the Company s stockholders at the 2001 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

In addition, as of March 1, 2007, Mr. Muscari was awarded a new hire grant consisting of 20,000 DRSUs and options to purchase 35,000 shares at fair market value as of the date of the grant. These awards will cliff-vest at the third anniversary date of the grant. These awards were made as an incentive for Mr. Muscari to enter into the agreement and to replace certain items that he would have been entitled to had he remained at his former employer. A summary of Mr. Muscari s target total direct remuneration and target value of new hire awards can be found in the chart below.

	Target	Total Target	Target		
	2007	Long-Term	Target Total	Value of	
	Annual	Incentive	Direct	New Hire	
Salary	Incentive	Value	Remuneration	Awards	

\$850,000 \$ 750,000 \$ 2,833,000 \$ 4,433,000 \$ 1,633,000

According to his employment agreement, Mr. Muscari is also entitled to benefits that are not provided to other employees. These benefits include annual dues in a recreational club of Mr. Muscari schoice, annual payments to Mr. Muscari reimbursing him for life insurance premiums he obtained prior to joining the Company, an annual physical exam, and upon retirement, retiree medical benefits. In addition, upon retirement in 2012, Mr. Muscari will receive a lump sum payment of \$3.95 million. This

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represents a make-up payment relating to supplemental retirement benefits from his previous employer that Mr. Muscari will forfeit upon joining the Company. If Mr. Muscari s employment ends prior to 2012, he will be entitled to a pro rata payment if termination is due to death, permanent disability, termination by the Company without Cause (as defined in the agreement), or termination by Mr. Muscari for Good Reason (as defined in the agreement). The lump sum payment is intended to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, and it may be modified in the future to comply with any amendments to Section 409A.

According to the terms of his severance agreement, if Mr. Muscari s employment is terminated by the Company for any reason, other than for death, disability, retirement or for Cause (as defined in the agreement), or if Mr. Muscari terminates his employment for Good Reason (as defined in the agreement), Mr. Muscari is entitled to a severance payment equal to 2 years of salary and bonus. In addition, Mr. Muscari will receive the \$3.95 million lump sum payment related to forfeited supplemental retirement benefits from his prior employer.

If, following a change in control, Mr. Muscari s employment is terminated by the Company for any reason, other than for death, disability, retirement or for Cause (as defined in the agreement), or if Mr. Muscari terminates his employment for Good Reason (as defined in the agreement), Mr. Muscari is entitled to a severance payment of 2.99 times the Base Amount (as defined in the agreement).

Retirement Programs

Our retirement programs for senior executives provide an opportunity for each participating executive, through long service to Minerals Technologies Inc., to receive a pension or other forms of retirement benefits. Our named executive officers participate in the Company s Retirement Plan and the Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan which provide retirement benefits to broad groups of employees and executives. These are described more fully in the narrative following the Pension Benefits table below.

Although our retirement programs provide valuable benefits that help us attract and retain executive talent, we rely more heavily on other elements of our compensation program in the recruitment process and for retention.

Severance Policies

Severance protection is provided to our senior executives in employment agreements and severance agreements. This protection is designed to be fair and competitive and to aid in attracting and retaining experienced executives. When recruited from another company, the executive generally will seek to be protected in the event he or she is terminated without cause or we take actions giving the executive good reason to terminate employment. We believe that the protection we provide including the level of severance payments and post-termination benefits is appropriate and within the range of competitive practice.

Severance protection following a change in control, while potentially costly, provides a number of important benefits to the Company. First, it permits an executive to evaluate a potential change in control while relatively free of concern for the executive s own situation or the need to seek employment elsewhere. Second, change in control transactions take time to unfold, and a stable management team can help to preserve the Company s operations either to enhance the value delivered to a buyer in the transaction or, if no transaction is consummated, to ensure that the Company s business will continue without undue disruption. Finally, we believe that the change in control protections in place encourage management to consider on an ongoing basis whether a strategic transaction might be advantageous to our stockholders, even one that would vest control of the Company in a third party. The Compensation Committee believes that the potential cost of executive change in control severance payments and benefits, as a percentage of the potential buyout price, would be well within the range of reasonable industry practice, and represents an appropriate cost relative to the benefits to the Company and its stockholders.

Deferred Compensation

The Company maintains the Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan in order to allow employees who are prevented from contributing on a pre-tax or post-tax basis up to the percentage limits allowed under the qualified Savings and Investment Plan (the Company s 401(k) plan) due to Internal Revenue Code limits. Contributions under the Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan are limited to the percentage limits that the employee would otherwise have been able to contribute on a before-tax basis to the Savings and Investment Plan.

Tax Deductibility

Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m) limits the tax deductions that a public company can claim for compensation to some of its named executive officers. We generally seek to preserve such corporate tax deductibility for compensation to the extent practicable, although the Compensation Committee retains flexibility to approve, when appropriate, compensation arrangements which promote the objectives of our compensation program but which do not qualify for full tax deductibility.

2007 Compensation Program for Named Executives

Our compensation program for senior executives for 2007 will be structured in a manner similar to the 2006 program. Principal changes will be an increase in bonus opportunities for executive officers from 60% to 70% of base salary and increased weighting on business unit performance for business unit heads.

Decision-Making Responsibility

Governance of our compensation program is the responsibility of the Compensation Committee, which consists solely of independent directors. The Compensation Committee works with management, in particular the Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President, Organization and Human Resources, in making decisions regarding our compensation program. The Compensation Committee also has retained Steven Hall & Partners, a nationally known compensation consulting firm, to assist in gathering and analyzing market data, advising the Compensation Committee on compensation standards and trends, and assisting in the implementation of policies and programs.

REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Compensation Committee, comprised entirely of independent directors, reviewed and discussed the above Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A) with the Company s management. Based on the review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Company s Board of Directors that the CD&A be included in these Proxy Materials.

Michael F. Pasquale, Chair Duane R. Dunham Steven J. Golub William C. Stivers

COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Summary Compensation Table

The following table summarizes the compensation of the named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. The named executive officers are the Company s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and three other most highly compensated executive officers ranked by their total compensation in the table below.

Name and Principal Position (a)	Year (b)	S	salary(\$) (c)	Bonus (\$)(1) (d)	A	Stock Awards (\$)(2) (e)	Option Awards (\$)(3) (f)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (4) (g)
Paul R. Saueracker	2006	\$	675,000	\$ 136,055	\$	541,178	\$ 491,846	\$ 316,878(7
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer								
John A. Sorel	2006	\$	317,000	\$ 51,116	\$	170,219	\$ 162,072	\$ 117,482(8
Senior Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer								
Kenneth L. Massimine	2006	\$	313,000	\$ 58,688	\$	220,223	\$ 201,865	\$ 148,602(9
Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Paper PCC								
Alain F. Bouruet-Aubertot	2006	\$	306,000	\$ 60,244	\$	215,322	\$ 201,805	\$ 130,534(10
Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Minteq International								
Kirk G. Forrest	2006	\$	270,000	\$ 50,625	\$	161,282	\$ 56,167	\$ 104,401(11
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary								

- (1) Represents a discretionary bonus granted by the Compensation Committee during 2006. Although the threshold Operating Income ratio related to the personal performance component of the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan was not achieved, the Compensation Committee, in its discretion, approved the payouts in column (d), consisting of a pro rata portion of the threshold
- (2) Represents the compensation costs of DRSUs for financial reporting purposes for the year under FAS 123R, rather than an amount paid to or realized by the named executive officer. The

Company

payments.

calculates the

fair value of

stock awards

under FAS

123R by

multiplying

the number of

shares by the

average of the

high and low

price of

Minerals

Technologies

Inc. s common

stock on the

New York

Stock

Exchange on

the date of

grant. See

Note 2 to the

Consolidated

Financial

Statements in

our Annual

Report on

Form 10-K for

the fiscal year

ended

December 31,

2006 for the

assumptions

made in

determining

FAS 123R

values.

(3) Represents the

compensation

costs of stock

options for

financial

reporting

purposes for

the year under

FAS 123R,

rather than an

amount paid to

or realized by

the named

executive

officer. The Company calculates the fair value of option awards under FAS 123R using the **Black-Scholes** valuation model. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 for the assumptions made in determining FAS 123R

(4) Represents the

values.

sum of the

2006 Annual

Incentive and

Supplemental

Incentive

Awards. For

more

information

regarding our

2006 Annual

Incentive and

Supplemental

Incentive

Awards, see

the discussion

under the

heading Total

Direct

Remuneration

in the

Compensation

Discussion and

Analysis

section. In

addition, the

Company

granted

Performance

Units to the

Named

Executive

Officers in

2004 (with the

exception of

Mr. Forrest,

who joined the

Company after

the 2004 grant

date) for the

performance

period

2004-2006,

which vested

on December

31, 2006.

Since

performance

did not meet

minimum

threshold

levels (75% of

target), the

value of these

Performance

Units was \$0.

No other

Performance

Units vested

during 2006.

(5) Amounts

shown in

column (h) are

solely an

estimate of the

increase in

actuarial

present value

during 2006 of

the named

executive

officer s

normal

retirement age

(65)

23

the Company s
Retirement
Plan and the
Nonfunded
Supplemental
Retirement
Plan for 2006.
The amount
attributable to
each plan is
shown in the
table below:

Change in Pension Value

Name	R	etirement Plan	pplemental irement Plan	Total
P.R. Saueracker	\$	221,700	\$ 1,347,700	\$ 1,569,400
J.A. Sorel		163,300	217,600	380,900
K.L. Massimine		79,800	53,400	133,200
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot		17,600	11,300	28,900
K.G. Forrest		11,600	3,000	14,600

The change in pension value for Mr. Saueracker, Mr. Sorel and Mr. Massimine is calculated under the career earnings formula which is described in more detail in the narrative following the Pension Benefits table below.

The following assumptions were made in calculating the present value of accumulated benefits for Mr. Saueracker, Mr. Sorel and Mr. Massimine:

Discount rate: 2006 year end: 5.75%

2005 year end: 5.75%

Mortality table: 2006 year end: RP 2000 projected to 2007 no collar male and female rates.

2005 year end: 1983 Group Annuity Mortality table male and female rates.

The change in pension value for Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot and Mr. Forrest is calculated under the cash balance formula which is also described in more detail in the narrative following the Pension Benefits table. The accumulated benefit under the cash balance formula equals the projected annuity benefit payable at normal retirement age, assuming that the executive remained in employment but received no future pay credits. The projected annuity benefit is calculated by first projecting the cash balance account to retirement age, using 6.01% annual interest credit for 2006 and 5.33% for 2005. The projected cash balance is then converted to an annuity using 5.00% interest rate for 2006 and 4.46% for 2005 and mortality rates from the 1994 Blended Group Annuity Reserving Table at 2002 for both 2006 and 2005. The present value of accumulated benefits for Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot and Mr. Forrest is then calculated using the same discount rates and mortality tables as for Mr. Saueracker, Mr. Sorel and Mr. Massimine.

Column (h) also reports the amount of the above market earnings on compensation that is deferred outside of tax-qualified plans such as the Company s Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan. No amount is reported because none of the named executive officers had any above market earnings during 2006.

See All Other Compensation chart below for amounts, which include perquisites, life insurance premiums and Company matches on employee contributions to the Savings and Investment Plan, the Company s 401(k) plan.

All Other Compensation 2006

Name	 nancial ınseling	Inst	Life irance miums	Sa	l01(k) avings and estment n Match	Sup	401(k) plemental Match	Fitness Expenses	Company Car	Total
P.R. Saueracker	\$ 8,054	\$	432	\$	8,800	\$	30,024		\$ 6,758	\$ 54,06
J.A. Sorel	\$ 8,481	\$	432	\$	8,800	\$	8,363			\$ 26,07
K.L. Massimine	\$ 8,451	\$	432	\$	8,800	\$	9,292			\$ 26,97
A.F.										
Bouruet-Aubertot	\$ 8,504	\$	432	\$	8,800	\$	9,500			\$ 27,23
K.G. Forrest	\$ 6,908	\$	432	\$	8,800	\$	3,400	\$ 745		\$ 20,28

(7) Consists of \$216,878 paid to Mr.
Saueracker pursuant to the 2006
Annual Incentive Plan and \$100,000 pursuant to the 2006
Supplemental Incentive Plan.

- (8) Consists of \$81,482 paid to Mr. Sorel pursuant to the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan and \$36,000 pursuant to the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan.
- (9) Consists of \$107,102 paid to Mr. Massimine pursuant to the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan and \$41,500 pursuant to the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan.
- (10) Consists of \$92,534 paid to Mr.
 Bouruet-Aubertot pursuant to the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan and \$38,000 pursuant to the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan.
- (11) Consists of \$69,401 paid to Mr. Forrest pursuant to the 2006 Annual Incentive Plan and \$35,000 pursuant to the 2006 Supplemental Incentive Plan.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards (1)

The following table provides information on Performance Units, DRSUs and stock options granted in 2006 to each of the Company s named executive officers under the Company s long term incentive plan. The estimated future payouts of non-equity incentive plan awards listed in the table below depend on performance criteria described in footnote 2 below. There can be no assurance that such payouts will ever by realized.

					Unde	ed Future Pa er Non-Equi e Plan Awar	ty		All Other Option Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock	All (Op Awa Num Secu Unde
Name	Grant Date	Performance Units #	Threshold (\$)		Target (\$)		Maximum (\$)		or Units (#)(3)	Opt (#)
P.R. Saueracker	2/22/06	8,100	\$	405,000	\$	810,000	\$	2,430,000		
	2/22/06								15,000	
	2/22/06									23
J.A. Sorel	2/22/06	2,200	\$	110,000	\$	220,000	\$	660,000		
	2/22/06								4,100	
	2/22/06									(
K.L. Massimine	2/22/06	3,100	\$	155,000	\$	310,000	\$	930,000		
	2/22/06								5,800	
	2/22/06									8
A.F.										
Bouruet-Aubertot	2/22/06	3,100	\$	155,000	\$	310,000	\$	930,000		
	2/22/06								5,700	
	2/22/06									8
K.G. Forrest	1/25/06								900	
	2/22/06	1,900	\$	95,000	\$	190,000	\$	570,000		
	2/22/06								3,500	
	2/22/06									4

(1) The Company did not have any equity incentive plans during 2006, nor does it currently have such plans.

Accordingly, the columns entitled

Estimated
Future

Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards have been omitted from this table.

(2) The amounts

shown in

these columns

represent the

estimated

future

payouts of

Performance

Units granted

to named

executive

officers in

2006 under

Minerals

Technologies

Inc. s

long-term

incentive

program.

Performance

Units

generally vest

at the end of a

three-year

performance

period. For

the

2006-2008

performance

period, the

value of each

performance

unit is

dependent on

the

Company s

Earnings Per

Share Growth

and Return on

Capital

Employed. If

performance

does not meet

minimum threshold levels (75% of target), the unit will be worth \$0. At threshold performance, Performance Unit is worth \$50; at target performance (100% of target), \$100; at maximum performance (125% of target), \$300. The Performance Unit value for the 2006-2008 performance period will be paid out (subject to meeting the above performance criteria) in early 2009.

- (3) DRSUs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary

of the date of grant and expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant.

- (5) The exercise price of option awards, \$54.23, is determined by the average of the high and low price of the Company s common stock on the date of grant, February 22, 2006. The closing price of the Company s common stock on February 22, 2006, the date of grant, was \$53.92.
- (6) The grant date fair value of each DRSU is determined by the average of the high and low price of the Company s common stock on the date of grant. Accordingly, the per share grant date fair value of each DRSU granted on February 22, 2006 is \$54.23; and the per share grant date fair value of each DRSU granted on January 25, 2006, is \$57.50. The grant date fair

value of each option is \$18.68 calculated in accordance with FAS 123R using the Black-Scholes valuation method.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table shows the number of shares of Minerals Technologies Inc. common stock covered by exercisable and unexercisable options and unvested DRSUs held by the Company s named executive officers as of December 31, 2006.

Option Awards (1)

Stock Av

Name	Options	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Unexercised Unearned	\mathbf{E}	Option xercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares of Units of Stock That Have No Vested (\$)(2)
P.R. Saueracker	48,312		N/A	\$	39.53	1/28/2009		
	50,000			\$	50.72	8/24/2010		
	20,000			\$	34.83	3/16/2011		
	1,649			\$	46.63	1/24/2012		
	20,000			\$	49.12	7/1/2013		
	16,400	8,200		\$	53.89	2/25/2014		
	5,767	11,533		\$	61.94	2/23/2015		
		23,100		\$	54.23	2/22/2016		
							43,200(3)	\$ 2,539,
J.A. Sorel	27,577		N/A	\$	39.53	1/28/2009		
	10,000			\$	34.83	3/16/2011		

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	684			\$ 46.63	1/24/2012		
	8,000			\$ 49.12	7/1/2013		
	5,867	2,933		\$ 53.89	2/25/2014		
	1,800	3,600		\$ 61.94	2/23/2015		
		6,300		\$ 54.23	2/22/2016		
						13,900(4)	\$ 817,
K.L. Massimine	5,447		N/A	\$ 39.53	1/28/2009		
	10,000			\$ 34.83	3/16/2011		
	581			\$ 46.63	1/24/2012		
	10,000			\$ 49.12	7/1/2013		
	6,867	3,433		\$ 53.89	2/25/2014		
	2,200	4,400		\$ 61.94	2/23/2015		
		8,900		\$ 54.23	2/22/2016		
						17,800(5)	\$ 1,046,
A.F.							
Bouruet-Aubertot	8,000		N/A	\$ 39.30	1/23/2013		
	10,000			\$ 49.12	7/1/2013		
	6,534	3,266		\$ 53.89	2/25/2014		
	2,167	4,333		\$ 61.94	2/23/2015		
		8,700		\$ 54.23	2/22/2016		
						17,400(6)	\$ 1,022,
K.G. Forrest	1,167	2,333	N/A	\$ 61.94	2/23/2015		
		5,400		\$ 54.23	2/22/2016		
						8,800(7)	\$ 517,

(1) Option
awards vest
in three
equal annual
installments
beginning
on the first
anniversary
of the date
of grant and
expire on
the tenth
anniversary
of the date
of grant.

- (2) The market value is calculated by multiplying the number of DRSUs by \$58.79, the closing price of the Company s common stock on December 31, 2006.
- (3) Consists of 7,900 **DRSUs** granted on July 1, 2003 and vesting on July 1, 2008; 8,600 **DRSUs** granted on February 25, 2004 and vesting on February 25, 2009; 11,700 **DRSUs** granted on February 23, 2005 and vesting on February 23, 2010; and 15,000 **DRSUs** granted on February 22, 2006 and vesting in three equal annual

installments beginning on February 22, 2007.

(4) Consists of 3,100 **DRSUs** granted on July 1, 2003 and vesting on July 1, 2008; 3,100 **DRSUs** granted on February 25, 2004 and vesting on February 25, 2009; 3,600 **DRSUs** granted on February 23, 2005 and vesting on February 23, 2010; and 4,100 **DRSUs** granted on February 22, 2006 and vesting in three equal annual

(5) Consists of 3,900 DRSUs granted on July 1, 2003 and vesting on July 1, 2008; 3,600 DRSUs granted on February 25, 2004 and vesting on February 25,

installments beginning on February 22, 2007. 2009; 4,500 DRSUs granted on February 23, 2005 and vesting on February 23, 2010; and 5,800 DRSUs granted on February 22, 2006 and vesting in

three equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2007.

(6) Consists of

3,900

DRSUs

granted on

July 1, 2003

and vesting

on July 1,

2008; 3,400

DRSUs

granted on

February 25,

2004 and

vesting on

February 25, 2009; 4,400

DRSUs

granted on

February 23,

2005 and

vesting on

February 23,

2010; and

5,700

DRSUs

granted on

February 22,

2006 and

vesting in

three equal

annual

installments beginning on February 22, 2007.

(7) Consists of

2,000

DRSUs

granted on

January 26,

2005 and

vesting on

December

31, 2007;

2,400

DRSUs

granted on

February 23,

2005 and

vesting on

February 23,

2010; 900

DRSUs

granted on

January 25,

2006 and

vesting in

three equal

annual

installments

beginning

on January

25, 2007,

and 3,500

DRSUs

granted on

February 22,

2006 and

vesting in

three equal

annual

installments

beginning

on February

22, 2007.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The table below discloses the number of shares acquired through option exercises and vesting of DRSUs and the value at the time of exercise and vesting by the named executive officers during 2006.

	Opti	on A	wards	Sto	wards	
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)		alue Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)		lue Realized on Vesting (\$)
P.R. Saueracker	21,087	\$	338,608(1)			
J.A. Sorel						
K.L. Massimine				255	\$	10,022(2)
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot						
K.G. Forrest						

- (1) Includes realized gains (shares sold) and unrealized gains (shares held). Mr. Saueracker has not deferred any amount realized upon the exercise of stock options.
- (2) Represents
 the aggregate
 dollar value
 realized upon
 the vesting of
 the DRSUs
 calculated by
 multiplying
 the number of
 DRSUs by
 \$39.30, the
 average of the
 high and low
 price of
 Minerals

Technologies Inc. s common stock on the date of grant.

Pension Benefits

The table below quantifies the benefits expected to be paid to the named executive officers from the Company s two defined benefit pension plans the Retirement Plan and the Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan.

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	A	Present Value of ccumulated Benefit (\$)(1)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
P.R. Saueracker	Retirement Plan	35.0	\$	1,012,300	
	Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan	35.0	\$	2,407,000	
J.A. Sorel	Retirement Plan	33.3	\$	673,100	
	Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan	33.3	\$	423,200	
K.L. Massimine	Retirement Plan	14.8	\$	283,300	
	Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan	14.8	\$	148,800	
A.F.					
Bouruet-Aubertot	Retirement Plan	4.1	\$	39,800	
	Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan	4.1	\$	30,300	
K.G. Forrest	Retirement Plan	2.1	\$	19,400	
	Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan	2.1	\$	6,000	

(1) The present value of accumulated benefit is calculated using the following assumptions: (a) a discount rate of 5.75% and (b) mortality rates from the RP 2000 projected to 2006 no collar male

and female table at 2006 year end.

The Retirement Plan is a tax qualified pension plan which pays retirement benefits within the limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan is an unfunded, non-tax qualified pension plan which pays retirement benefits in excess of such Code limits.

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2002, accumulated benefits under the Retirement Plan and the Nonfunded Supplemental Retirement Plan are based upon an annuity equal to the greater of (i) 1.4% of a participant s career earnings or (ii) 1.75% of a participant s career earnings less 1.5% of primary Social Security benefits, multiplied by years of service up to 35 years. For purposes of this career earnings formula, a participant s career earnings are based on the average earnings for the five highest consecutive calendar years prior to January 1, 2003, and on actual earnings for periods after December 31, 2002. The benefits for Messrs. Saueracker, Sorel and Massimine are based upon the career earnings formula.

The present value of accumulated benefit under the career earnings formula is based upon the benefit that is payable at the named executive officer s normal retirement age (65), based upon years of service and pensionable earnings as of December 31, 2006, and payable as a life annuity with no death benefit.

For employees hired after January 1, 2002, accumulated benefits under the Retirement Plan and the Nonfunded Supplement Retirement Plan are based upon a cash balance formula which credits such employees with annual pay credits equal to 5% of the employee s pensionable earnings for the year. An employee s cash balance account will also receive interest credits each year, based on a market rate of interest declared at the end of each year. The benefits for Mr. Bouruet-Aubertot and Mr. Forrest are based upon the cash balance formula.

The accumulated benefit under the cash balance formula equals the projected annuity benefit payable at normal retirement age (65), assuming that the named executive officer remains in employment but receives no future pay credits. The projected annuity benefit is calculated by first projecting the December 31, 2006 cash balance account to normal retirement age using annual interest credits of 6.01%. This projected cash balance is then converted to an annuity benefit using a 5.00% interest rate and mortality rates from the 1994 Blended Group Annuity Reserving Table at 2002. The present value of accumulated benefit under the cash balance formula is based upon this annuity benefit, payable as a life annuity with no death benefit.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

The following table shows contributions, earnings and account balances for the named executive officers in the Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan. The Nonfunded Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Savings Plan is an unfunded, non-tax qualified plan which pays amounts in excess of the limits which the Internal Revenue Code imposes on benefits under the Company s 401(k) Plan, the Savings and Investment Plan.

Name	Cont in 1	tecutive tributions Last FY (\$)(1)	Con in	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$)(2)		ggregate Carnings Last FY (\$)(3)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance Last FYE (\$)
P.R. Saueracker	\$	52,542	\$	30,024	\$	234,591		\$ 1,199,058
J.A. Sorel	\$	14,635	\$	8,363	\$	76,504		\$ 359,105
K.L. Massimine	\$	16,261	\$	9,292	\$	33,100		\$ 200,311
A.F. Bouruet-Aubertot	\$	16,625						