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NOTICE

and

PROXY STATEMENT

for

ANNUAL MEETING

of

SHAREHOLDERS

May 20, 1999

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Tredegar Industries, Inc.
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Richmond, Virginia 23225

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Annual Meeting of Shareholders

March 29, 1999

To the Shareholders:

We invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in the Grand Ballroom of The Jefferson Hotel, Franklin & Adams Streets, Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, May 20, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time. A formal notice of the meeting, a proxy statement and a proxy form are enclosed. You are being asked to elect directors, approve the designation of auditors for the coming year, approve the Amended and Restated Incentive Plan and approve changing the name of the Corporation to Tredegar Corporation.

Please read the notice and proxy statement, complete the proxy form and mail it promptly.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John D. Gottwald

John D. Gottwald
President and Chief Executive Officer

Tredegar Industries, Inc.
1100 Boulders Parkway
Richmond, Virginia 23225

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of the holders of shares of Tredegar Industries, Inc.'s ("Tredegar") Common Stock ("Common Stock") will be held in the Grand Ballroom of The Jefferson Hotel, Franklin & Adams Streets, in Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, May 20, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors to serve until the 2002 annual meeting and until their successors are elected;
2. To approve the designation of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1999;
3. To approve the Amended and Restated Incentive Plan;
4. To approve the amendment to Tredegar's Articles of Incorporation to change its name; and
5. To conduct any other business properly raised at the meeting.

Anyone who is shown on Tredegar's stock records as holding shares of Common Stock at the close of business on March 19, 1999, may vote at the meeting.

Please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy form promptly, regardless of whether you plan to attend the meeting. You may still vote in person at the meeting even if you return the proxy. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Nancy M. Taylor, Secretary

March 29, 1999

PROXY STATEMENT

for

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TREDEGAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

To be held May 20, 1999

Approximate date of mailing--March 29, 1999

Tredegar's Board of Directors (the "Board") is soliciting your proxy for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Thursday, May 20, 1999. Anyone giving a proxy may revoke it any time before it is voted. A proxy can be revoked by voting in person at the meeting, delivering another proxy, or notifying Tredegar's Secretary in writing that you want to revoke your proxy. All signed proxies that have not been revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting. If your proxy contains any specific instructions, they will be followed.

On March 19, 1999, the date for determining shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting, there were 36,441,339 outstanding shares of Common Stock. Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote.

Tredegar will pay the cost of soliciting proxies and may use employees to solicit proxies by mail, in person or by telephone. Corporate Investor Communications, Inc. ("CIC") has been engaged to solicit proxies from brokers, nominees, fiduciaries and other custodians. Tredegar will pay CIC \$4,500 for its services and will reimburse CIC for its out-of-pocket expenses.

Tredegar's address is 1100 Boulders Parkway, Richmond, Virginia 23225.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board is divided into three classes of directors as nearly equal in number as possible. Each class of directors serves for three years. The term for each class is staggered so that one class is elected at each annual meeting.

The terms of Phyllis Cothran, Richard W. Goodrum and Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., will expire at the 1999 Annual Meeting. Phyllis Cothran, Richard W. Goodrum and Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., have been nominated by the Board for election at the 1999 Annual Meeting for the term expiring at the 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

To be elected, a nominee must receive "for" votes from shareholders owning at least a plurality of the shares of Common Stock voted in the election of directors. Unless otherwise specified in your proxy, signing and returning your proxy will constitute a vote "for" all of the nominees. Any votes withheld and any shares held in street name ("Broker Shares") that are not voted in the election of directors will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast. In the event that any nominee for director is unavailable for election, the Board may either reduce the number of directors or designate a substitute nominee. If the Board selects a substitute nominee, the shares represented by proxy will be voted for the substitute nominee, unless otherwise specified.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" ALL OF THE NOMINEES.

Below is some information on the three nominees and the directors who will continue on the Board after the meeting:

Austin Brockenbrough, III - age 62; director since 1993; Managing Director and President of Lowe, Brockenbrough & Company, Inc. (private investment counseling firm) since 1970. Other directorship: Trustee of The Williamsburg Investment Trust. Term expires 2000.

Phyllis Cothran - age 51; director since 1993; retired, having served previously as President and Chief Operating Officer of Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield, a health insurance (and related services) company, from November, 1990 until March 31, 1997. Other directorship: Ethyl Corporation ("Ethyl"), a petroleum additives company. Term expires 1999.

Richard W. Goodrum - age 70; director since 1989; retired, having served previously as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Tredegar from July 10, 1989 until March 31, 1996. Term expires 1999.

Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr. - age 76; director since 1989; Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Albemarle Corporation, a chemicals company ("Albemarle"), since March 1, 1994. Other directorship: Albemarle. Term expires 1999.

John D. Gottwald - age 44; director since 1989; President and Chief Executive Officer of Tredegar since July 10, 1989. Other directorship: Albemarle. Term expires 2001.

William M. Gottwald - age 50; director since 1997; Vice President, Corporate Strategy, of Albemarle since August, 1996; having served previously as Senior Vice President of Ethyl from September, 1994 until August, 1996, and as President of Whitby, Inc., a pharmaceuticals company, from September, 1989 until September, 1994. Term expires 2000.

Andre B. Lacy - age 59; director since 1989; Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of LDI Management, Inc. (distribution and manufacturing holding company), and Managing General Partner of LDI, Ltd. (industrial and investment limited partnership) since 1986. Other directorships: Albemarle, FinishMaster, Inc., Herff Jones, Inc., IPALCO Enterprises, Inc., The National Bank of Indianapolis, and Patterson Dental Company. Term expires 2001.

Richard L. Morrill - age 59; director since 1997; Chancellor and Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Democratic Values, University of Richmond since July 1, 1998; having served previously as President of the University of Richmond from 1988 until June 30, 1998. Other directorship: The Williamsburg Investment Trust. Term expires 2000.

Emmett J. Rice - age 79; director since 1989; retired, former member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Other directorships: Albemarle, Jardine-Fleming China Region Fund, Inc. and Legg Mason Institutional Advisors II. Term expires 2001.

Norman A. Scher - age 61; director since 1989; Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tredegar since July 10, 1989; having served previously as Treasurer of Tredegar from July 10, 1989 until May 22, 1997. Other directorship: DIMON, Incorporated. Term expires 2000.

Thomas G. Slater, Jr. - age 54; director since 1998; Partner of Hunton & Williams, a law firm, since 1976. Term expires 2001.

There were five meetings of the Board held in 1998. Except for Andre B. Lacy, all of the directors attended at least 75% of the total number of Board meetings and Board Committees meetings (of which the director was a member) held in 1998. Mr. Lacy missed two Board meetings and one Audit Committee meeting.

John D. Gottwald, Richard W. Goodrum and Norman A. Scher serve on Tredegar's Executive Committee. Tredegar's By-laws allow the Executive Committee to exercise the authority of the Board, except as limited by the Virginia Stock Corporation Act, and except with respect to the compensation of executive officers (which is determined by the Executive Compensation Committee). During 1998, the Executive Committee met informally as required as Tredegar's principal management committee.

Austin Brockenbrough, III, Richard W. Goodrum and Andre B. Lacy serve on Tredegar's Audit Committee, which met twice during 1998. This Committee reviews Tredegar's internal audit and financial reporting functions and the scope and results of the audit performed by Tredegar's independent accountants. The Audit Committee reports to the Board on those matters and recommends to the Board the engagement of the independent accountants.

Phyllis Cothran, Richard L. Morrill and Emmett J. Rice serve on Tredegar's Executive Compensation Committee, which met three times in 1998. This Committee approves the salaries and bonus awards of executive officers, and grants awards under Tredegar's stock incentive plans (other than the Directors' Stock Plan). The Executive Compensation Committee is composed of individuals who, either currently or in the prior year, are not and were not eligible to participate in any stock incentive plan of Tredegar, other than the Directors' Stock Plan. Grants under the Directors' Stock Plan are approved by Tredegar's Board of Directors.

Austin Brockenbrough, III, John D. Gottwald and Thomas G. Slater, Jr., serve on Tredegar's Nominating Committee, which met once in 1998. This Committee recommends to the Board the nominees for election as directors and may make other recommendations regarding the term of office, classification and compensation of directors.

Austin Brockenbrough, III, Richard L. Morrill and Norman A. Scher serve on Tredegar's Investment Policy Committee, which met six times in 1998. This Committee administers Tredegar's Investment Conflict of Interest Policy.

Tredegar's By-laws allow any shareholder who is entitled to vote in the election of directors to nominate a director. To do so, the shareholder must give written notice to Tredegar's Secretary at least ninety days before the Annual Meeting of Shareholders or, when an election is to be held at a special meeting of shareholders, by the close of business on the seventh day following the day that the notice of the special meeting is given to shareholders. The notice must include the following: (i) the name and address of the shareholder and of each person nominated, (ii) a representation that the shareholder is a record holder of Tredegar's Common Stock, that he or she is entitled to vote at the meeting and will appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the people named in the notice, (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person pursuant to which the nomination is being made, (iv) the information on each nominee required under the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in a proxy and (v) the consent of each of the shareholder's nominees to serve as a director of Tredegar if elected.

John D. Gottwald and William M. Gottwald are brothers and are sons of Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr. The Gottwalds may be deemed to be control persons of Tredegar. In addition, Thomas G. Slater, Jr., is married to John D. Gottwald's sister-in-law.

STOCK OWNERSHIP

Below is information on the beneficial ownership of Tredegar's Common Stock by the directors, nominees and the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table as of February 1, 1999. The table also shows the beneficial ownership of all directors and executive officers of Tredegar as a group as of February 1, 1999.

Security Ownership of Management

	Number of Shares with Sole Voting and Investment Power		Number of Shares with Shared Voting and Investment Power	Total Number of Shares	Percent of Class(a)
	Outstanding	Options			
Directors, Nominees and Certain Executive Officers(b)					
Austin Brockenbrough, III	45,000	--	18,610	63,610 (c)	
Phyllis Cothran	17,100	--	--	17,100	
Michael W. Giancaspro	140,415	60,549	--	200,964	
Richard W. Goodrum	388,361	247,500	13,500	649,361	1.77%
Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr	3,394,059	--	283,818	3,677,877 (d)	10.09%
John D. Gottwald	1,458,716	634,800	727,264	2,820,780 (e)	7.61%
William M. Gottwald	87,471	--	580,570	668,041 (f)	1.83%
Andre B. Lacy	1,002	--	288,000	289,002 (g)	
Douglas R. Monk	44,078	146,985	--	191,063	
Richard L. Morrill	600	--	--	600	
Emmett J. Rice	2,385	--	--	2,385	
Anthony J. Rinaldi	103,112	161,799	4,578	269,489 (h)	
Norman A. Scher	252,321	216,500	180	469,001	1.28%
Thomas G. Slater, Jr	--	--	1,500	1,500 (i)	
Management					
All directors and executive officers as a group (17)(j)(k)	6,058,030	1,688,727	1,904,514(1)	9,651,271 (1)	25.31%

(a) Except where otherwise noted, each person owns less than 1% of Tredegar's outstanding Common Stock.

(b) Some of the shares may be considered to be beneficially owned by more than one person or group listed and are included in the table for each.

(c) Austin Brockenbrough, III, disclaims beneficial ownership of 8,610 shares of Common Stock.

(d) Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., disclaims beneficial ownership of 283,818 shares of Common Stock.

(e) John D. Gottwald disclaims beneficial ownership of 181,842 shares of Common Stock.

(f) William M. Gottwald disclaims beneficial ownership of 104,604 shares of Common Stock.

(g) Andre B. Lacy disclaims beneficial ownership of 219,665 shares of Common Stock.

(h) Anthony J. Rinaldi disclaims beneficial ownership of 4,425 shares of Common Stock.

(i) Thomas G. Slater, Jr., disclaims beneficial ownership of 1,500 shares of Common Stock

(j) The directors, nominees and executive officers have sole voting and investment power over their shares, except for the those listed in the third column, which are held by or jointly with spouses, by children or in partnerships and certain trust relationships. Any shares held under Ethyl's, Albemarle's or Tredegar's benefit plans for any director,

nominee or executive officer are included in the number of shares over which that person has sole voting or investment power. Shares held by the trustees of those plans for other employees are not included. See Note (d) to the table "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners" below.

(k) Two directors share voting and investment power for 13,506 shares. This overlap in the beneficial ownership has been eliminated in calculating the number of shares and the percentage of class owned by Management.

(l) The above table does not include some of the shares owned by the adult children of Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr. Nor does it include the shares owned by Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr.'s brother, Bruce C. Gottwald, and his adult children. Bruce C. Gottwald, Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., John D. Gottwald and William M. Gottwald may be considered a "group" under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the shares owned or attributed to them and their children are reported in the table "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners" below. If all of those shares were included in the table above, the total number of shares held by Management would be 15,010,020 (and 39.37% of total shares outstanding).

The table below lists any person (including any "group" as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) known to Tredegar that beneficially owned more than 5% of Tredegar's Common Stock on February 1, 1999.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

Names and Addresses of Beneficial Owners -----	Number of Shares -----	Percent Class -----
Bruce C. Gottwald, Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., John D. Gottwald, and William M. Gottwald(a) 330 South Fourth Street P.O. Box 2189 Richmond, VA 23217	12,511,947(b)(c)	33.75%
Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, N.A., as Trustee for the Savings Plan for the Employees of Tredegar Industries, Inc. 301 North Main Street Winston-Salem, NC 27150	3,919,808(c)(d)	10.77%

(a) Bruce C. Gottwald, Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., John D. Gottwald and William M. Gottwald (the "Gottwalds"), together with members of their immediate families, may be deemed to be a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, although there is no agreement among them with respect to the acquisition, retention, disposition or voting of Common Stock.

(b) The Gottwalds, individually or together, have sole voting and investment power over all of the shares disclosed except for 3,616,085 shares held by their respective wives and children, and in certain trust relationships, some of which might be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Gottwalds under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, but as to which the Gottwalds disclaim beneficial ownership. Shares owned by the adult children of Bruce C. Gottwald and Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., are included in the group holdings of the Gottwalds.

(c) This amount includes 221,129 shares owned of record by Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, N.A., Winston-Salem, North Carolina (the "Trustee"), as trustee of the Savings Plan for the Employees of Tredegar Industries, Inc. (the "Tredegar Savings Plan") for the benefit of John D. Gottwald.

(d) Shares held under the Tredegar Savings Plan are voted by the Trustee according to instructions obtained from employees participating in the plan. If a participating employee does not give the Trustee voting instructions, his or her shares are voted by the Trustee according to the Board's recommendations to the shareholders (as long as doing so is consistent with the Trustee's fiduciary duties). Because members of the Gottwald family are executive officers, directors and the largest shareholders of Tredegar, they may be considered to be control persons of Tredegar and to have the ability to control the recommendations of the Board.

COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Executive Compensation

This table shows information on compensation paid by Tredegar to the Chief Executive Officer and the four other highest paid executive officers for their services in all their roles to Tredegar for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation	
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Awards Securities Underlying Options/SARs (#)	All Other Compensation (\$)
John D. Gottwald President and Chief Executive Officer	1998	358,167	135,000	-0-	18,906(1)
	1997	350,000	140,000	66,000	18,230(1)
	1996	347,167	140,000	54,000	17,824(1)
Norman A. Scher Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	1998	322,292	100,000	-0-	16,915(2)
	1997	315,000	130,000	48,000	16,335(2)
	1996	313,000	130,000	36,000	16,022(2)
Douglas R. Monk Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	1998	195,631	85,000(3)	-0-	10,105(4)
	1997	171,086	80,000(3)	36,000	8,763(4)
	1996	165,967	150,000(3)	18,000	8,416(4)
Anthony J. Rinaldi Senior Vice President And President of Films Division	1998	191,258	68,141(5)	-0-	9,802(6)
	1997	181,750	94,191(5)	36,000	9,286(6)
	1996	172,017	113,056(5)	18,000	8,726(6)
Michael W. Giancaspro Vice President - Corporate Development	1998	171,133	90,000	-0-	8,747(7)
	1997	162,083	90,000	36,000	8,249(7)
	1996	155,917	75,000	18,000	7,897(7)

(1) Matching contributions under the Savings Plan for the Employees of Tredegar Industries, Inc. (the "Savings Plan") (\$8,000 for 1997 and 1998 and \$7,500 for 1996) and credit under the Savings Plan Benefit Restoration Plan (the "SPBR Plan") (\$10,906 for 1998, \$10,230 for 1997 and \$10,324 for 1996).

(2) Matching contributions under the Savings Plan (\$8,000 for 1997 and 1998 and \$7,500 for 1996) and credit under the SPBR Plan (\$8,915 for 1998, \$8,335 for 1997 and \$8,522 for 1996).

(3) Mr. Monk's bonus for 1996, 1997 and 1998 was determined under a formula-based incentive plan adopted for Tredegar's Aluminum Extrusion division. His 1998 and 1997 bonuses included a discretionary award, which is allowed under the plan.

(4) Matching contributions under the Savings Plan (\$8,000 for 1998, \$7,857 for 1997 and \$7,500 for 1996) and credit under the SPBR Plan (\$2,105 for 1998, \$906 for 1997 and \$916 for 1996).

(5) Bonus award is determined under the Tredegar Film Products division's incentive compensation plan. Although the full amount of the award is reported in the table, only a portion of the award was paid in cash to Mr. Rinaldi for the year reported. For 1998, 1997 and 1996, Mr. Rinaldi received cash payments of \$43,544, \$80,416 and \$73,539, respectively, and the remaining portion was deferred in accordance with the terms of the plan. Under the Film Products' plan, an incentive award account is established for each plan participant. At the end of each plan year, an individual award is allocated to a participant's account. The individual award, which may be positive or negative, is determined based on the change in the division's economic profit added. Following the year-end award allocation, one-third of the balance in each participant's account is paid out in cash, unless certain performance criteria have not been met. Participants have no obligation to restore negative balances in their accounts that may arise from a deduction for a negative award, except to the extent of future positive incentive awards. A participant is entitled to the cash value of his or her account upon retirement or death, with forfeiture occurring upon the termination of employment in all other circumstances. After giving effect to the cash incentive payment to Mr. Rinaldi made in January 1999 for the award earned in 1998, the cash value of Mr. Rinaldi's incentive award account was \$136,486. No interest is earned or paid on deferred amounts held in participants' accounts.

(6) Matching contributions under the Savings Plan (\$8,000 for 1997 and 1998 and \$7,500 for 1996) and credit under the SPBR Plan (\$1,802 for 1998, \$1,268 in 1997 and \$1,226 for 1996).

(7) Matching contributions under the Savings Plan (\$8,000 for 1998, \$7,396 for 1997 and \$7,127 for 1996) and credit under the SPBR Plan (\$747 for 1998, \$853 for 1997 and \$770 for 1996).

Stock Options and SARs

There were no stock options or SARs granted to any of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998.

This table describes the options exercised by the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table during 1998 and the year-end value of all unexercised stock options and SARs held by those executive officers.

AGGREGATED OPTION/SAR EXERCISES
IN LAST FISCAL YEAR AND FY-END OPTION/SAR VALUES

Name	Shares Acquired On Exercise (#)	Value Realized (\$)(2)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options/SARs at Fiscal Year-End (#) Exercisable/ Unexercisable	Value of Unexercised In-the-Money Options/SARs at Fiscal Year-End (\$) (1) Exercisable/ Unexercisable
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John D. Gottwald(3)	-0-	-0-	634,800/0(4)	14,283,000/0
Norman A. Scher	227,500	4,518,358	216,500/0(5)	4,871,250/0
Douglas R. Monk	24,750	571,844	146,985/0(6)	3,307,163/0
Anthony J. Rinaldi	15,951	241,218	161,799/0(7)	3,640,478/0
Michael W. Giancaspro	45,000	850,050	60,549/0	1,362,353/0

(1) Based on the closing price of \$22.50 on December 31, 1998.

(2) "Value Realized" should not be interpreted to mean that the shares acquired upon exercise have been sold.

(3) The number of options and related SARs listed for Mr. Gottwald include additional options and related SARs to purchase 31,050 shares of Common Stock of Tredegar granted as compensation for incentive stock options to purchase shares of Ethyl common stock held by Mr. Gottwald that were forfeited in connection with the spin-off of Tredegar from Ethyl. These additional options are incentive stock options.

(4) Of the total options, 278,550 include a tandem SAR.

(5) Of the total options, 42,500 include a tandem SAR.

(6) Of the total options, 14,235 include a tandem SAR.

(7) Of the total options, 45,000 include a tandem SAR.

Retirement Benefits

All of the executive officers participate in the Tredegar Industries, Inc. Retirement Income Plan (the "Pension Plan"). The Pension Plan provides a normal retirement benefit equal to 1.1% of the participant's final average earnings up to his Social Security covered compensation, multiplied by his years of pension benefit service, plus 1.5% of final average earnings in excess of covered compensation, multiplied by his years of pension benefit service. There is no deduction for Social Security benefits. Estimated annual benefits under the Pension Plan upon retirement at age 65, determined as of December 31, 1998, to persons with specified earnings and years of pension benefit service are set forth in the table below.

The Internal Revenue Code limits (a) the annual retirement benefit that may be paid under the Pension Plan and (b) the earnings that may be used in computing a benefit. The maximum benefit and earnings limitations are adjusted each year to reflect changes in the cost of living. For 1998, the maximum benefit limitation was \$128,517 (based on a five-year certain and life annuity) and the earnings limitation was \$160,000.

All of the named executive officers also participate in the Tredegar Industries, Inc. Retirement Benefit Restoration Plan (the "Restoration Plan"). The Restoration Plan restores benefits that cannot be paid under the Pension Plan due to the Internal Revenue Code maximum benefit limitation, the earnings limitation, or both. The benefit payable under the Restoration Plan is calculated by subtracting the amount that would have been payable under the Pension Plan if not for the Internal Revenue Code limitations and the amount actually payable under the Pension Plan.

PENSION PLAN TABLE
(Estimated Annual Benefits Payable at Retirement(1)(2))

Remuneration (Final-Average Earnings)(3)	Years of Service(4)						
	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
\$125,000	17,497	26,245	34,994	43,742	52,491	61,239	69,988
150,000	21,247	31,870	42,494	53,117	63,741	74,364	84,988
175,000	24,997	37,495	49,994	62,492	74,991	87,489	99,988
200,000	28,747	43,120	57,494	71,867	86,241	100,614	114,988
225,000	32,497	48,745	64,994	81,242	97,491	113,739	129,988
250,000	36,247	54,370	72,494	90,617	108,741	126,864	144,988
300,000	43,747	65,620	87,494	109,367	131,241	153,114	174,988
350,000	51,247	76,870	102,494	128,117	153,741	179,364	204,988
400,000	58,747	88,120	117,494	146,867	176,241	205,614	234,988
450,000	66,247	99,370	132,494	165,617	198,741	231,864	264,988
500,000	73,747	110,620	147,494	184,367	221,241	258,114	294,988

(1) The estimated benefits assume retirement at age 65 and payment for the lifetime of the participant, with five years of payments guaranteed (the normal form of payment under the Pension Plan and the Restoration Plan). The table assumes attainment of age 65 in 1998 and covered compensation of \$31,328.

(2) The estimated benefit set forth in the table was determined using the Internal Revenue Code limitation on earnings that may be used in computing a benefit. The earnings limitation is subject to a transition rule that preserves benefits accrued as of December 31, 1993 based on higher compensation levels. Messrs. Gottwald and Scher have annual accrued benefits of \$49,718 and \$13,571, respectively, under that transition rule.

(3) Final-Average Earnings is the average of the highest three consecutive calendar year's earnings (base earnings plus 50% of bonuses) during the ten consecutive years immediately preceding the date of determination.

The current compensation covered under the Pension Plan for each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table is \$160,000. As of December 31, 1998, the compensation considered under the Restoration Plan for each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table is as follows: John D. Gottwald, \$419,278; Norman A. Scher, \$379,264; Douglas R. Monk, \$224,228; Anthony J. Rinaldi, \$216,302 and Michael W. Giancaspro, \$198,878.

(4) The years of pension benefit service for each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table are: John D. Gottwald, 20; Norman A. Scher, 9; Douglas R. Monk, 22; Anthony J. Rinaldi, 22; and Michael W. Giancaspro, 18.

Compensation of Directors

During 1998, each director who was not an employee of Tredegar or any of its subsidiaries was paid \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended. A director who participated in the meeting by telephone was paid \$250 per meeting. In addition, each director was paid \$750 for each Board committee meeting attended. The chairperson of each Board committee received an additional \$250 for each meeting attended of his or her committee. Each director was also paid a quarterly fee of \$3,600 in 1998. Employee members of the Board are not paid separately for serving on the Board.

In addition, pursuant to the Tredegar Industries, Inc. Directors' Stock Plan, each outside director was granted, effective on May 20, 1998, an option to purchase 900 shares of Tredegar common stock at a per share price of \$28.61. The options vest proportionately over three years with the first one-third vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date. The options have a ten-year term, however, upon the termination of a director's membership on the Board of Directors, the director will have three months to exercise any remaining portion of his or her option to the extent vested.

Consulting Agreement with Richard W. Goodrum

Tredegar has a consulting agreement with Richard W. Goodrum, who retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Tredegar on March 31, 1996. Under the terms of that agreement, Mr. Goodrum continues to serve on Tredegar's Executive and Management Committees and provides other services to Tredegar. As compensation, Tredegar pays Mr. Goodrum \$30,000 annually. The agreement automatically renews for one-year periods on March 31st of each year, unless Mr. Goodrum or Tredegar terminates the agreement at least 30 days before the expiration of the then current term of the agreement.

Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation

Tredegar's Executive Compensation Committee (the "Committee") is comprised of three independent directors. No Committee member is a current or former employee of Tredegar or any of its subsidiaries. The Committee's role is to review and approve practices and policies related to compensation primarily for executive officers, including those officers listed in this proxy statement.

Compensation Philosophy

The Committee's philosophy is based on the principle that executive compensation plans should be designed and administered to motivate and retain highly qualified executives, with incentives linked closely to financial performance and enhanced shareholder value. Control of all fixed costs is critical to Tredegar's continued success. Controlling compensation costs requires a significant portion of compensation increases to be closely linked to performance and, therefore, variable in nature. However, Tredegar should remain competitive with salaries.

Base Salaries

In determining base salaries, Tredegar identifies a reasonable range around the average for comparable executive positions in a comparison group of companies. Actual officer salaries are generally set within this range based on individual performance and experience. Annual salary increases are considered. The amount of such increases is based on a variety of factors including average increases in comparison companies, individual performance (evaluated subjectively), the officer's position in the pay range, Tredegar's financial condition, and other variable components of compensation.

The comparison company group for compensation is generally not the same as the published industry index that appears in the performance graph of this proxy statement because index companies are not necessarily viewed as direct competitors for executive talent. Comparison companies are chosen, and information on pay evaluated, with the assistance of independent consultants.

The 1998 base salary for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was \$358,167. This salary is below the average for the comparison group.

Bonuses

Although bonus awards are generally discretionary, the bonus portion of compensation is tied to an assessment of performance. Some division executives' bonuses are linked directly by formula to specific division performance measures. In such cases, economic profit added is the most widely used and most heavily weighted measure. In other cases, a broad range of financial measures as well as progress on strategic issues are reviewed.

In 1998, total bonuses paid to executive officers were approximately 7% less than the 1997 amount.

The Committee awarded the CEO a bonus of \$135,000, which was \$5,000 less than the amount awarded in 1997. In 1998, 27.4% of the CEO's total cash compensation was comprised of incentive cash compensation, compared with 28.6% in 1997. Both 1998 and 1997 incentive cash percentages were below market averages.

Stock Options

Stock options are considered an important part of compensation at Tredegar. As of February 1, 1999, 927 employees had stock options. Over time the stock price reflects Management's performance. Through the options granted, employees and shareholder interests are more closely tied.

Tredegar has three stock incentive plans available for awards to executive officers and other employees and individuals providing valuable services to Tredegar or its subsidiaries (collectively the "SIP"). Each year the Committee considers granting awards under the SIP. Consistent with the objective of closely aligning executives' interests with those of Tredegar shareholders, the SIP enables the Committee to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), and shares of restricted stock. The Committee determines the terms and conditions of any options, SARs, or restricted stock granted.

Executive officers as a group were granted options for 416,000 shares on a discretionary basis effective as of January 4, 1999, all at above fair market value on the grant date (\$23.3125 per share). No options were granted in 1998. With respect to the January, 1999 option awards, the CEO was granted options for 22,000 shares at 25% above fair market value, 22,000 shares at 50% above fair market value, 22,000 shares at 75% above fair market value, and 22,000 shares at 100% above fair market value.

Corporate Tax Considerations

A law, effective in 1994, disallows corporate tax deductions for executive compensation in excess of \$1 million for "proxy table" executives. This law, covered in Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m), allows certain exemptions to the deduction cap, including pay programs that depend on formulas and, therefore, are "performance-based" rather than discretionary.

While significant parts of Tredegar's compensation program are discretionary, the Company is not currently in danger of losing deductions under Code Section 162(m). The Committee will carefully review any compensation plan or action that would result in the disallowance of compensation deductions. The Committee will consider a variety of factors, including the amount of any deductions that may be lost.

Executive Compensation Committee:

Richard L. Morrill, Chairman
Phyllis Cothran

Emmett J. Rice

February 23, 1999

Additional information on compensation paid to Tredegar's executive officers has been included in Tredegar's Annual Report to Shareholders.

Comparative Company Performance

The following graph compares cumulative total returns for Tredegar, the S&P Small Cap 600(R) Stock Index, and the S&P Manufacturing (Diversified Industries), a nationally recognized industry index, since December 31, 1993. The comparison assumes \$100 was invested on December 31, 1993, with dividends reinvested.

[THE FOLLOWING TABLE WAS REPRESENTED BY A LINE CHART IN THE PRINTED MATERIAL.]

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31					
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
TREDEGAR	\$100	118	220	415	685	707
S&P SMALL CAP 600	100	104	146	201	239	277
S&P MFG	100	95	124	150	189	186

DESIGNATION OF AUDITORS

The Board has designated PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, certified public accountants, as Tredegar's independent auditors for the year 1999, subject to shareholder approval. This firm has audited Tredegar's financial statements since Tredegar became an independent company. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present at the meeting. This representative will be given an opportunity to make a statement and will be available to answer questions.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's principal function is to audit the consolidated financial statements of Tredegar and its subsidiaries and, in connection with the audit, to review certain related filings with the Securities and Exchange

Commission and to conduct limited reviews of the unaudited financial statements included in each of Tredegar's quarterly reports.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE DESIGNATION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS AUDITORS.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INCENTIVE PLAN

The Board proposes that the shareholders approve the amendment and restatement of the Tredegar Industries, Inc. 1996 Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, the "Incentive Plan"). The Incentive Plan was adopted by the Board on February 24, 1999, subject to the approval of the Corporation's shareholders. The Incentive Plan permits the grant of options to purchase shares of Common Stock from the Corporation, Stock Awards and Incentive Awards.

The original share authorization for the Incentive Plan was 1,350,000 shares. To date, only 338,175 shares of the original share authorization remain available for grant under the Incentive Plan. In addition, 5,150 shares remain available for grant under Tredegar's 1992 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan (the "1992 Plan") and no shares remain available for grant under Tredegar's 1989 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "1989 Plan"). As described under the heading Share Authorization below, the most significant change to the Incentive Plan is to increase the number of shares of Tredegar common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options and the grant of Stock Awards by 1,500,000 shares for a total of 1,843,325 shares (which includes the 343,325 shares still available for grant under Tredegar's incentive plans). Tredegar will not make any future grants under the 1989 Plan or the 1992 Plan.

Another significant change in the Incentive Plan is the elimination of stock appreciation rights ("SARs"). As proposed, Tredegar will not be permitted to make any future grants of SARs.

The Board believes that the Incentive Plan will benefit the Corporation by (i) assisting it in recruiting and retaining the services of individuals with ability and initiative, (ii) providing greater incentive for employees and other individuals who provide valuable services to the Corporation or its subsidiaries, and (iii) associating the interests of such persons with those of the Corporation and its shareholders through opportunities for increased stock ownership and performance-based incentive compensation. The more significant features of the Incentive Plan are described below.

Administration

The Executive Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") will administer the Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee will have the authority to select the individuals who will participate in the Incentive Plan ("Participants") and to grant Options and to make Stock Awards and Incentive Awards upon such terms (not inconsistent with the terms of the Incentive Plan), as the Committee considers appropriate. In addition, the Committee will have complete authority to interpret all provisions of the Incentive Plan, to prescribe the form of agreements evidencing awards under the Incentive Plan, to adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of the Incentive Plan and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of the Incentive Plan.

The Compensation Committee may delegate its authority to administer the Incentive Plan to the Executive Committee of the Board or to an officer of the Corporation. The Compensation Committee, however, may not delegate its authority with respect to individuals who are subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Section 16"). As used in this summary, the term "Administrator" means the Compensation Committee and any delegate, as appropriate.

Eligibility

Any employee of the Corporation or any subsidiary and any person who provides services to the Corporation or a subsidiary is eligible to participate in the Incentive Plan if the Administrator, in its sole discretion, determines that such person has contributed significantly or can be expected to contribute significantly to the profits or growth of the Corporation or a subsidiary. No person may participate in the Incentive Plan during the time that his participation would prevent the Committee from being "disinterested" for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 16b-3"). The Corporation is not able to estimate the number of individuals that the Administrator will select to participate in the Incentive Plan or the type or size of awards that the Administrator will approve.

Awards

Options. Options granted under the Incentive Plan may be incentive stock options ("ISOs") or nonqualified stock options. A stock option entitles the Participant to purchase shares of Common Stock from the Corporation at the option price. The option price will be fixed by the Administrator at the time the option is granted, but the price cannot be less than the shares' fair market value on the date of grant. The option price may be paid in cash or, with the Administrator's consent, with shares of Common Stock, a combination of cash and Common Stock or in installments. Options may be exercised at such times and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Administrator. The maximum period in which an option may be exercised will be fixed by the Administrator at the time the option is granted but cannot exceed ten years in the case of an ISO. Options generally will be nontransferable except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. The Administrator may prescribe that options may be transferred without consideration to members of the Participant's immediate family, a family trust or a family partnership or as permitted under Rule 16b-3, as in effect from time to time.

No employee may be granted ISOs (under the Incentive Plan or any other plan of the Corporation) that are first exercisable in a calendar year for Common Stock having an aggregate fair market value (determined as of the date the option is granted) exceeding \$100,000. In addition, no Participant may be granted options in any calendar year for more than 450,000 shares of Common Stock.

Stock Awards. The Incentive Plan also permits the grant of Stock Awards, i.e., shares of Common Stock. A Stock Award may be subject to forfeiture or be nontransferable or both unless and until certain conditions are satisfied. These conditions may include, for example, a requirement that the Participant complete a specified period of service or that certain objectives be achieved. The objectives may be based on performance goals that are stated with reference to the fair market value of the Common Stock or on the Company's, a subsidiary's or an operating unit's return on equity, earnings per share, total earnings, earnings growth, return on capital or return on assets. A Stock Award that is not immediately vested and nonforfeitable will be restricted for a period of at least three years; provided, however, that the period shall be at least one year in the case of a Stock Award that is subject to objectives based on one or more of the foregoing performance criteria. No participant may be granted Stock Awards in any calendar year for more than 75,000 shares.

Incentive Awards. Incentive Awards also may be granted under the Incentive Plan. An Incentive Award is an opportunity to earn a bonus, payable in cash, upon the attainment of stated performance objectives. The performance objectives may be stated with reference to the fair market value of the Common Stock or on the Company's, a subsidiary's or an operating unit's return on equity, earnings per share, total earnings, earnings growth, return on capital or return on assets. The period in which the performance will be measured will be at least one year. Incentive Awards are nontransferable except by will or the laws of descent and distribution except that the Administrator may grant Incentive Awards that are transferable as permitted under Rule 16b-3, as in effect from time to time. No Participant may receive an Incentive Award payment in any calendar year that exceeds the lesser of (i) 75% of the Participant's base salary (prior to any salary reduction or deferral election) as of the date of grant of the Incentive Award or (ii) \$250,000.

Share Authorization

Under the Incentive Plan, a maximum of 1,843,325 shares of Common Stock may be issued upon the exercise of options and the grant of Stock Awards. No more than 300,000 shares of Common Stock may be issued as Stock Awards. These limitations will be adjusted, as the Administrator determines is appropriate, in the event of a change in the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock by reason of a stock dividend, stock split, combination, reclassification, recapitalization, or other similar events. The terms of outstanding awards and the limitations on individual grants also may be adjusted by the Administrator to reflect such changes.

Amendment and Termination

No option may be granted and no Restricted Stock may be awarded under the Incentive Plan after February 24, 2009. The Board may, without further action by shareholders, terminate or suspend the Incentive Plan in whole or in part. The Board also may amend the Incentive Plan except that no amendment that increases the number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Incentive Plan, changes the class of individuals who may be selected to participate in the Incentive Plan or materially increases the benefits that may be provided under the Incentive Plan will become effective until it is approved by shareholders.

Federal Tax Consequences

The Corporation has been advised by counsel regarding the federal income tax consequences of the Incentive Plan. No income is recognized by a Participant at the time an option is granted. If the option is an ISO, no income will be recognized upon the Participant's exercise of the option. Income is recognized by a Participant when he disposes of shares acquired under an ISO. The exercise of a nonqualified stock option generally is a taxable event that requires the Participant to recognize, as ordinary income, the difference between the shares' fair market value and the option price.

Income is recognized on account of the grant of a Stock Award when the shares first become transferable or are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture. At that time the Participant recognizes income equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock.

No income is recognized upon the grant of an Incentive Award. Income will be recognized on the date that payment is made under the Incentive Award.

The employer (either the Corporation or a subsidiary) will be entitled to claim a federal income tax deduction on account of the exercise of a nonqualified stock option or the vesting of a Stock Award or the settlement of an Incentive Award. The amount of the deduction is equal to the ordinary income recognized by the Participant. The employer will not be entitled to a federal income tax deduction on account of the grant or the exercise of an ISO. The employer may claim a federal income tax deduction on account of certain dispositions of ISO stock.

For the approval of the Incentive Plan, the Plan must be approved by the holders of a majority of the total votes cast on the matter at the meeting. Abstentions and Broker Shares that are not voted on the matter will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INCENTIVE PLAN.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF THE CORPORATION'S NAME

As described in the President's letter to shareholders contained in the Annual Report, shareholders are being asked to approve a change in Tredegar's name from "Tredegar Industries, Inc." to "Tredegar Corporation." Management recommends that the shareholders approve the change in the Corporation's name by amending Article I of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation to read as follows:

The name of the Corporation is Tredegar Corporation.

For the approval of the amendment of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation to change the name of the Corporation, the amendment must be approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. Abstentions and Broker Shares that are not voted on the amendment will have the effect of a vote against the amendment.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION.

PROPOSALS FOR 2000 ANNUAL MEETING

Under the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any shareholder wishing to make a proposal to be acted upon at the 2000 annual meeting of shareholders must present the proposal to Tredegar at its principal office in Richmond, Virginia, no later than November 25, 1999, in order for the proposal to be considered for inclusion in Tredegar's proxy statement.

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought before the annual meeting by a shareholder, even if the proposal is not to be included in Tredegar's proxy statement, Tredegar's By-laws provide that the shareholder must give written notice to the Secretary of Tredegar no later than ninety days before the meeting. As to each matter, the notice must contain (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting (including the specific proposal to be presented) and the reasons for addressing it at the annual meeting, (ii) the name, record address, and class and number of shares beneficially owned by the shareholder proposing such business, and (iii) any material interest of the shareholder in such business.

ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

Tredegar will provide without charge to each person to whom this Proxy Statement has been delivered, on the written request of any such person, a copy of Tredegar's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, including the financial statements and financial statement schedules. Requests should be directed to Tredegar Industries, Inc., 1100 Boulders Parkway, Richmond, Virginia, 23225, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Provided with the copy of the Form 10-K will be a list of exhibits to the Form 10-K, showing the cost of each. Any of such exhibits will be provided upon payment of the charge noted on the list.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board is not aware of any matters to be presented for action at the meeting other than as described in this Proxy Statement. However, if any other matters are properly raised at the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the person or persons voting the proxies will vote them in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Nancy M. Taylor, Secretary

TREDEGAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

Richmond, Virginia

PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD MAY 20, 1999

The undersigned hereby appoints Michael W. Giancaspro, Norman A. Scher and Nancy M. Taylor, or any of them, with full power of substitution in each, proxies (and if the undersigned is a proxy, substitute proxies) to vote all shares of stock of Tredegar Industries, Inc. that the undersigned is entitled to vote at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on May 20, 1999, and at any and all adjournments thereof:

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR all nominees listed below (except as otherwise indicated below) WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for all of the nominees listed below

Phyllis Cothran, Richard W. Goodrum and Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr.
INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any of such nominees write the nominee's name on the line provided below

2. FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN The proposal to approve the designation of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the auditors for Tredegar for 1999
3. FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN The approval of the Amended and Restated Incentive Plan
4. FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN The approval of the amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation to change the name of the Corporation to Tredegar Corporation

In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business and matters incident to the conduct of the meeting as may properly come before the meeting.

Please sign and date on the reverse side

This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors. This Proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned shareholder. If no direction is made, this Proxy will be voted for Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Dated _____, 1999

Signature

Please sign name exactly as it appears on the stock certificate. Only one of several joint owners need sign. Fiduciaries should give full title.

Please mark, sign, date and return the proxy card promptly using the enclosed envelope.