



# *The J. M. Burguières Family Assembly*

*Established 2005*

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Dear Family Assembly Member,

This letter is to inform you of the 2010 Annual Family Assembly Meeting and Family Council elections and to provide information requests for both the family tree and the Family Assembly Member Database. Please read this mailing carefully and respond to all portions as soon as possible. Your input is valued so please take the time to read and respond to all items.

## **2010 Annual Family Assembly Meeting**

The 2010 Family Assembly Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:30AM at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, Louisiana prior to the 2010 Annual Shareholder Meeting of the JM Burguières Co., Ltd. Your attendance at the Family Assembly Meeting is very important because each of you will have a voting voice on that day, for the first time, on who you want as your representatives on the Family Council.

## **Family Council Elections**

For the past few years, the current members of the Family Council were appointed by the Board of Directors to lay the foundation for future Family Council activities. They were also charged with developing a support structure for the creation of the Family Assembly. The basic foundation has been laid, and with your involvement, the future Family Council will become the voice of the J.M. Burguières family.

The original appointed Family Council members were: Susanne Cambre Dwyer, Doug Burguières, Emily Burguières Dalicandro, Anne Burguières Rappold and O. J. Reiss. Currently, Emily Burguières Dalicandro, Leila Bristow, Robert Gorman, O.J. Reiss and Anne Burguières Rappold are members of the Family Council, serving per appointment by the Board of Directors.

## **Who can vote?**

All Family Assembly members can vote! If you are reading this, you can likely vote. Specifically, any shareholder, a spouse of any shareholder, and children of shareholders who are 15 and older can vote.

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### **Why vote, and who will accept nominations?**

You should vote if you believe in the concept of the Family Council as the representative arm of your interests, and the interests of your branch of the family. The branches of the family are: Dennis, Ernest, Henry, C. Patout, and Inez. The Family Assembly will vote on March 20, 2010 to elect a Family Council, consisting of five branch representatives and two at-large positions. You are being asked to nominate and cast your vote for one Family Council representative from your branch, and two at-large representatives from any branch. You may either choose to nominate and vote for the existing Family Council members, or new Family Council members. It is your choice. Vote your conscience based on who you feel will best represent your interests. You do not have to vote for members of your own family. You can vote for anyone. However, please make sure that the person you vote for will accept your nomination.

### **How to vote!**

Please return the enclosed nomination form to the J.M. Burguières Co., Ltd. as soon as possible. Once the nominations have been received a ballot will be announced and mailed to all Family Assembly members. A proxy will be enclosed with the ballot in case you are unable to attend the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to attend the March 20<sup>th</sup> Family Assembly meeting, you will be asked to vote for the Family Council at that time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the current Family Council members. Our contact information is included below.

### **Special Guest**

Bruce Lemire-Elmore and his wife from Victoria, Canada will be with us. The Family Council members who recently attended the Families in Business course at Harvard met Bruce and were impressed with his experience and insight within his own family business which is also over one hundred years old and privately held. Bruce will talk about how his family business, Port Blakely Companies, utilized a Family Assembly and a Family Council to grow the business and the family's involvement in the business. . He's bright, experienced and well spoken on all issues that are faced by little companies that become big companies and specifically on many of the governance issues the J. M. Burguières Company faces in the next few years. You will enjoy his candid observations.

### **Family Assembly Information Form**

In this mailing there is an Information Form for every Family Assembly member to complete and return so we can include all family members in our communications and activities. At this time, the only people we are able to reach are current shareholders. Please fill out a form for yourself and a form for each family member. Pass the form on to others, download additional copies from the website, [www. or](http://www.jmburguieres.com) request an electronic copy from the office. We do not want anyone to be left out.

Furthermore, we would like to hear about your interests, skills and talent! As the assembly grows there will be a variety of sub-committees and activities. We want and encourage your involvement.

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## **Burguières Family Tree Information Sheet**

Several years ago when the JM Burguières Company first commissioned the writing of a book about the history of our family and the company, a request for family information was sent out by Donna Onebane, the author. From the completed forms, a family tree was started. Copies of the tree were handed out at the shareholder meeting in 2009.

As the book nears completion, we want to finish updating and expanding the tree by February 15, 2010. The tree will be included in the book so **please take note**: If you want your family accurately represented now and for future generations please set aside some time to fill in the enclosed form. Please review for accuracy the copy of the tree you were given at the meeting last year. The family tree will continue to be a living document once the book is completed. It will be integrated into the website at a future date and available upon request.

The point person for the family tree is Leila Bristow. She can be reached by email at [leila.bristow@gmail.com](mailto:leila.bristow@gmail.com) or (410) 963-3000.

We look forward to hearing from you,

The Family Council

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