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GRIFFON CORPORATION

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Griffon Corporation Urges Shareholders to Vote WHITE Card Ahead of Annual Meeting

- Highly qualified Board and Griffon nominees represent best interests of Griffon shareholders
- · Vote TODAY via internet or by phone Annual Meeting on February 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. ET
- Every Vote Counts: Shareholders should vote the WHITE card no matter how many shares owned

NEW YORK—(BUSINESS WIRE) – February 14, 2022 – The Board of Directors of Griffon Corporation (NYSE: GFF) urges shareholders to protect the future of the Company and the value of their investment by voting the **WHITE** proxy card **"FOR"** all four of the Company's highly qualified director nominees and the other items of business outlined in Griffon's proxy.

The Company responded to Voss Capital's press release from February 14, 2022 with the following statement:

"Griffon has read Charles Diao's biography, but has Voss Capital? Voss' proxy touts Mr. Diao as 'currently serv[ing] as Managing Director of Diao & Co. LLC ("DiaoCo"), a provider of advisory services'. However, DiaoCo is inactive having failed to pay its franchise tax and it has no listed phone number. Why has Voss misrepresented what Mr. Diao is doing for a living?"

The Company continued, "Charles Diao is on the Board of Directors of a vaping and tobacco products company. The policies of Griffon's businesses generally prohibit the use of tobacco on company premises, and our businesses generally cover the cost of programs to help tobacco users quit smoking. How will Mr. Diao reconcile his commitment to vaping and tobacco use with Griffon's commitment to worker health and safety?"

Today, Griffon is filing an <u>Updated Summary Investor Presentation</u> highlighting that it has successfully repositioned the Company, continued to improve performance, and delivered strong total shareholder returns, outperforming both peers and the indices in the last year and three years. The Company has a proven track record of driving margin improvement with its strategic initiatives and creating a balanced portfolio of high-quality brands through successful M&A and integration. Griffon's businesses promote the Company's ESG goals and Griffon took several significant actions during the global COVID-19 pandemic to protect employees.

As outlined in the new slides, Griffon created value, generating significant margin improvement and cash flow generation at Clopay and is enhancing growth and profitability at AMES. The acquisition of Hunter Fan Company has been well received by the analyst and investment communities, and will further accelerate positive momentum at Griffon.

The Board encourages all shareholders to protect their investment and vote the <u>WHITE</u> card for growth, regardless of how many shares they hold. To ensure your vote is counted, vote your WHITE proxy card or voter authorization form electronically by 11:59 p.m. ET on February 16, 2022.

The Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on February 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., ET at the offices of Dechert LLP, located at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036. The proxy statement, investor presentation, additional slides, and other important information related to the Annual Meeting can be found at <u>buildgriffon.com</u>.

If shareholders have any questions or need assistance in voting their shares, they should reach out to MacKenzie Partners at (800) 322-2885 or gffproxy@mackenziepartners.com.

Important Additional Information Regarding Proxy Solicitation

Griffon filed its proxy statement and associated WHITE proxy card with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 30, 2021 in connection with the solicitation of proxies for Griffon's 2022 Annual Meeting (the "Proxy Statement"). Shareholders as of the record date of December 28, 2021, are eligible to vote at the 2022 Annual Meeting. Griffon, its directors and certain of its executive officers will be participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareholders in respect of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Details concerning the nominees of Griffon's Board of Directors for election at the 2022 Annual Meeting and information regarding the names of Griffon's directors and executive officers and their respective interests in Griffon by security holdings or otherwise is set forth in Griffon's Proxy Statement. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING WHITE PROXY CARD, AND ANY SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and shareholders may obtain a copy of the Proxy Statement and other relevant documents filed by Griffon with the SEC free of charge from the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, or by directing a request by mail to Griffon's website, www.griffon.com.

Forward-looking Statements

"Safe Harbor" Statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: All statements related to, among other things, income (loss), earnings, cash flows, revenue, changes in operations, operating improvements, the impact of the Hunter Fan transaction, industries in which Griffon operates and the United States and global economies that are not historical are hereby identified as "forward-looking statements" and may be indicated by words or phrases such as "anticipates," "supports," "plans," "projects," "expects," "believes," "should," "would," "could," "hope," "forecast," "management is of the opinion," "may," "will," "estimates," "intends," "explores," "opportunities," the negative of these expressions, use of the future tense and similar words or phrases. Such forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others: current economic conditions and uncertainties in the housing, credit and capital markets; Griffon's ability to achieve expected savings from cost control, restructuring, integration and disposal initiatives; the ability to identify and successfully consummate, and integrate, value-adding acquisition opportunities (including, in particular, integration of the Hunter Fan acquisition); increasing competition and pricing pressures in the markets served by Griffon's operating companies; the ability of Griffon's operating

companies to expand into new geographic and product markets, and to anticipate and meet customer demands for new products and product enhancements and innovations; reduced military spending by the government on projects for which Griffon's Telephonics Corporation supplies products, including as a result of defense budget cuts or other government actions; the ability of the federal government to fund and conduct its operations; increases in the cost or lack of availability of raw materials such as resin, wood and steel, components or purchased finished goods, including any potential impact on costs or availability resulting from tariffs; changes in customer demand or loss of a material customer at one of Griffon's operating companies; the potential impact of seasonal variations and uncertain weather patterns on certain of Griffon's businesses; political events that could impact the worldwide economy; a downgrade in Griffon's credit ratings; changes in international economic conditions including interest rate and currency exchange fluctuations; the reliance by certain of Griffon's businesses on particular third party suppliers and manufacturers to meet customer demands; the relative mix of products and services offered by Griffon's businesses, which impacts margins and operating efficiencies; short-term capacity constraints or prolonged excess capacity; unforeseen developments in contingencies, such as litigation, regulatory and environmental matters; unfavorable results of government agency contract audits of Telephonics Corporation; our strategy, future operations, prospects and the plans of our businesses, including the exploration of strategic alternatives for Telephonics Corporation; Griffon's ability to adequately protect and maintain the validity of patent and other intellectual property rights; the cyclical nature of the businesses of certain of Griffon's operating companies; possible terrorist threats and actions and their impact on the global economy; the impact of COVID-19 on the U.S. and the global economy, including business disruptions, reductions in employment and an increase in business and operating facility failures, specifically among our customers and suppliers; Griffon's ability to service and refinance its debt; and the impact of recent and future legislative and regulatory changes, including, without limitation, changes in tax law. Such statements reflect the views of the Company with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, as previously disclosed in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. Griffon undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

About Griffon Corporation

Griffon Corporation is a diversified management and holding company that conducts business through wholly-owned subsidiaries. Griffon oversees the operations of its subsidiaries, allocates resources among them and manages their capital structures. Griffon provides direction and assistance to its subsidiaries in connection with acquisition and growth opportunities as well as divestitures. In order to further diversify, Griffon also seeks out, evaluates and, when appropriate, will acquire additional businesses that offer potentially attractive returns on capital.

Griffon conducts its operations through two reportable segments:

- Consumer and Professional Products ("CPP") is a leading North American manufacturer and a global provider of branded consumer and professional tools; residential, industrial and commercial fans; home storage and organization products; and products that enhance indoor and outdoor lifestyles. CPP sells products globally through a portfolio of leading brands including AMES, since 1774, Hunter, since 1886, True Temper, and ClosetMaid.
- Home and Building Products ("HBP") conducts its operations through Clopay Corporation ("Clopay"). Founded in 1964, Clopay is the largest manufacturer and marketer of garage doors and rolling steel doors in North America. Residential and commercial sectional garage doors are sold through professional dealers and leading home center retail chains throughout North

America under the brands Clopay, Ideal, and Holmes. Rolling steel door and grille products designed for commercial, industrial, institutional, and retail use are sold under the CornellCookson brand.

Classified as a discontinued operation, Defense Electronics conducts its operations through Telephonics Corporation ("Telephonics"), founded in 1933, a globally recognized leading provider of highly sophisticated intelligence, surveillance and communications solutions for defense, aerospace and commercial customers.

For more information on Griffon and its operating subsidiaries, please see the Company's website at www.griffon.com.

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Updated Summary Investor Presentation

February 14th, 2022

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements This presentation contains "forward-looking statements" – statements that address future, not past events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance and financial condition, and often contain words such as "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "seek," or "will." Forward looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. These statements are based on assumptions of future events that may not prove accurate. They are also based on our current plans and strategy and such plans and strategy could change in the future. Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward-looking statements. Please refer to our most recent SEC filings, including our 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K, subsequently filed Quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as well as our other filings with the SEC, for detailed information regarding factors that ould cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company provides financial measures and terms not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Presentation of non-GAAP measures such as, but not limited to, "free cash flow," "segment adjusted EBITDA," "compliance adjusted EBITDA" and "adjusted EBITDA" provide investors with an alternative method for assessing our operating results in a manner that enables them to more thoroughly evaluate our performance. The non-GAAP measures included in this presentation are provided to give investors access to the types of measures that we use in analyzing our results.

The Company's calculation of non-GAAP financial measures is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. These non- GAAP measures may be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP results. A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP measures appear on slides 16 and 17. A copy of this presentation, including the reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP measures, is available on our website www.griffon.com.

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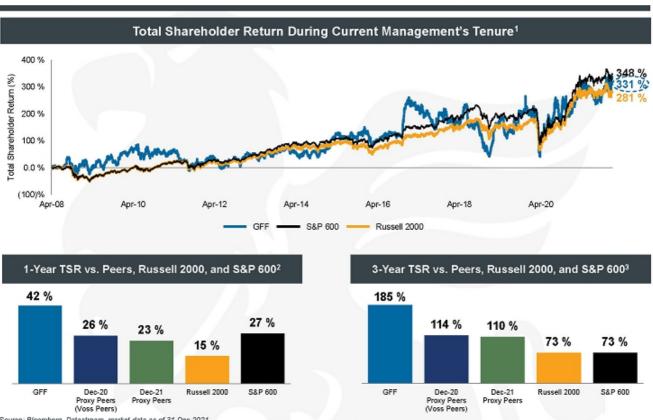
We Have Successfully Repositioned Our Portfolio...



EBITDA Margins Poised for Continued Expansion Through Portfolio Optimization Adjusted EBITDA Margin Excluding Unallocated Amounts' "We believe that Griffon has a 88% collection of attractive businesses - Voss Capital 84% \$2.6B Free Cash Flow Conversion³ 59% \$2.5B 14.5% \$2.0B Revenue 2.0% 12.5% M&A Hunter Announced Divestiture of 1.2% GRAP week 11.3% M&A CLOSET MAID CORNELLCOOKSON Divestiture of Clopay Plastics HARPER 0 opto Margin Expansion Margin Expansion 2017A EBITDA Margin 2021A EBITDA Margin PF 2021 EBITDA Margin

Note: 2017A financials include Plastics and Defense Electronics. 2021A financials include Defense Electronics. PF 2021 financials exclude Telephonics and include Hunter. ¹ For reconciliation of Adj. EBITDA to Income before Taxes from Continuing Operations, see Appendix page 16. ² Free Cash Flow is defined as Adj. EBITDA calculated per debt compliance certificate as defined in the Credit Facilities, less Capital Expenditures. Free Cash Flow Conversion equals Free Cash Flow / Adj. EBITDA calculated per debt compliance certificate as defined in Credit Facilities, less Capital Expenditures. 3

... Which Has Resulted In Significantly Improved Performance ...



... And Consistently Delivered Strong Total Shareholder Returns

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Transaction Expected to Add At Least \$0.50/share to Griffon's EPS in First Full Fiscal Year

Attractive End Markets	 Steady growth & beneficial secular trends Low cyclicality and volatility Significant end market overlap with existing GFF businesses
Market Leadership	 Leading North American brand of residential ceiling fan #1 share of fans sold at U.S. retail locations #1 share of fans sold through e-commerce
Margin Accretive	 > 20% Adj. EBITDA margins Revenue opportunities and cost synergies not contemplated in management projections
Organic Growth	 Abundant organic growth opportunities in commercial and industrial through international expansion using AMES' distribution network
Acquisition & Innovation Headroom	 Track record of new product launches and tuck-in acquisitions
Experienced & Committed Management Team	 Long-tenured, highly experienced management team Proven track record of value creation
Consistent with GFF's Capital Goals	Acquisition allows GFF management to continue to prioritize debt reduction Attractively financed using balance sheet capacity with low interest financing

Voss objected to the Hunter deal without analysis despite its long and short term value to Griffon – their position has no basis in fact or law

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Complementary Strengths			Combined Platform	
	AMES	Hunter	AMES Hunter	Strategic Benefits
Blue Chip Retail Partners	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	 Joint access to broad network of high quality retail partners
Direct to Consumer E-Commerce		√	\checkmark	 AMES growth through Hunter's premier direct-to-consumer e-commerce channel
Enhanced Distribution Footprint	\checkmark		\checkmark	 Enhanced customer fulfillment capabilities through AMES Center for Digital Commerce (ACDC)
International Reach	\checkmark		\checkmark	 Combined access to AMES' UK, Australia, and Canadian presence
Strong Brand	✓	~	\checkmark	 Leading and iconic brands in respective categories
Business Intelligence Systems	~		✓	 Improved data and customer service through Griffon's AI customer data system

Complementary Strengths Create Abundant Cross-Selling Opportunities

Our FY Q1 2022 Results Exceeded Street Estimates

Equity Investors and Research Analysts Are Highly Supportive of Our Business Repositioning and Management's Strategy





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Our Business' Operations Promote Our ESG goals

Formalization of ESG Commitment



Griffon formalized its ESG commitment by subscribing to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)

Key ESG Highlights of Our Businesses

- Griffon's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics prohibits the use or possession of alcohol and drugs on Company premises
 - In most of our business locations, tobacco products are also strictly prohibited. Our healthcare insurance programs generally charge lower premiums for those workers who certify they are tobacco-free and our businesses generally cover the cost of programs to help tobacco users quit smoking. This commitment to employee wellness serves us well in the communities in which we operate, are good for our employees' health, and in the end save Griffon in healthcare costs and improve our bottom line
- Clopay purchases more than half of its steel from recycled sources
- AMES also uses mostly scrap wood from other manufacturers' processes to make its ClosetMaid wood products
- AMES is taking steps to transfer all scrap material produced at its manufacturing locations to recycling facilities for repurposing
- Griffon is not a significant carbon emitter, does not produce significant volumes of hazardous waste, and is not a significant consumer of water

Planned Issuance of Inaugural Annual ESG Report

- Our newly appointed Vice President, Sustainability is preparing the company's inaugural ESG Report, to be issued in the first half of 2022
- The fiscal 2021 ESG Report will include community involvement, charitable giving, employee safety, employee education and welfare, energy consumption, water consumption, waste generated, recycled raw materials, and packaging initiatives
- We are preparing to set ESG goals based on the metrics gathered in fiscal 2021 and will begin announcing these goals in fiscal 2022



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The Report will be benchmarked against the UNGC Sustainable Development Goals and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards

Actions Taken During COVID to Protect Our Employees

- Encouraged (and in some cases, required) employee to work from home
- Implemented protocols for social distancing, sanitation and maskwearing
- Purchased new equipment to facilitate the efficient sanitation and disinfection of all work areas
- Staggered shifts and start, stop and break times
- Implemented appreciation award programs (bonus pay) for many of our U.S. employees who continued to work onsite during the pandemic



Griffon's Board was open to Voss' inputs and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considered Mr. Diao's candidacy as part of the Company's search for a new director

After a thorough review, the Committee concluded that Michelle Taylor is the most suitable candidate for Griffon's Board to replace the seat available after the retirement of William Waldorf

- Michelle Taylor serves as Director, New Product Quality, at Trane Technologies and brings a broad range of industrial and international experience including expertise in manufacturing, supply chain, and quality assurance
 - Her prior experience includes roles at Cummins, Allison Transmission Division of General Motors, Ford Motor Company and Delco Remy International
- ✓ Ms. Taylor's nomination is consistent with the Company's commitment to gender and racial diversity on the Board

The Committee also believes that Mr. Mehmel is an important member of the Board and is our lead on operational matters

🔨 Mr. Mehmel's equips the Board to understand the current needs of the business and make decisions to support its future growth

The Committee had serious concerns about Mr. Diao

- Mr. Diao lacks a skillset that will add to our Board
- Mr. Diao is on the board of Turning Point Brands, a company that sells vaping and tobacco products. ESG considerations are a key area of focus for the Board and Griffon, and vaping and tobacco businesses are not consistent with Griffon's ESG values
 - Griffon's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics clearly notes that we are committed to maintaining a safe and drug-free workplace – election of Mr. Diao would undermine the message that we are sending to our employees
- Mr. Diao's bio in the Voss proxy statement indicates that he is a senior executive of an active investment banking firm providing financial advisory services. In reality, Diao & Co. LLC is inactive because it did not pay its franchise tax; its address is Mr. Diao's home address; and it has no listed phone number

Replacing Griffon's candidates with Charles Diao is damaging to Griffon and does not provide any incremental benefit to shareholders



Griffon's Board and Management Have the Right Strategy to Drive Value for Shareholders



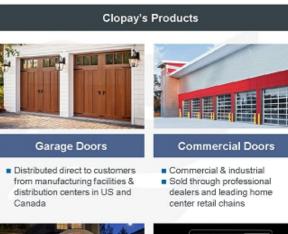




Griffon Has Built Clopay into a Market Leader with Attractive Returns

Clopay Overview

- Founded in 1964 and acquired in 1985, Clopay is Griffon's Home and Building Products (HBP) business
- Since 2009, current Griffon leadership has rapidly grown Clopay
- Today, Clopay is North America's largest manufacturer and marketer of garage and rolling steel doors
- Clopay sells residential and commercial sectional garage doors under the Clopay, Ideal, and Holmes brands
- Clopay sells through professional dealers and leading home center retail chains throughout North America
- In 2018, Clopay acquired CornellCookson, which sells rolling steel door and grille products designed for commercial, industrial, institutional, and retail use





Entry Doors

 Customizable, pre-finished entry-door systems



Clopay

Build Your Own Door

 Allows consumers to design own door leveraging Door Imagination System



Significant Margin Improvement and Cash Flow Generation

Execution of a Multi-year Strategic Plan to Drive Growth and Profitability

E Clopay

Invested in property, plants and equipment

- ✓ Streamlined manufacturing processes to enable efficient manufacturing in large volume
- ✓ Consolidation of facilities from 2009-2011 resulting in >\$10mm of annual cash savings
- Expansion of Mountain Top facility in 2019 to improve manufacturing efficiency and capacity for core and new products

Completed strategic acquisition of CornellCookson

- ✓ Clopay is now the leading U.S. residential garage door and rolling steel door manufacturer
- Enhanced scale in commercial and industrial doors by broadening product portfolio and customer base

Current management has meaningfully expanded EBITDA

- >40% EBITDA CAGR since 2009
- Significant free cash flow generation



Leveraging Our Track Record of Execution to Drive Growth at AMES

	AMES
AMES' Initiatives to Enhance Growth and Profitability	 Consolidation of facilities footprint and talent pool Strategic investments in automation, manufacturing and e-commerce Unification of data & analytics platform to increase visibility across the AMES platform Expected annual cash savings of \$30 to \$35 million upon full implementation
Key Initiatives Well Underway	 Development of east and west coast fulfillment centers to support e- commerce growth Announced consolidation of 4 manufacturing and distribution facilities to increase profitability
Acquisition of Hunter to Further Accelerate Progress	 Immediately margin accretive Synergy opportunity through leveraging Hunter's e-commerce capability and cost synergies not included in management projections Organic growth opportunities through leveraging AMES' U.S. and international distribution network
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(\$ in millions)

	Year Ended September		
	2017	2021	
Revenue			
Consumer and Professional Products	\$545	\$1,230	
Home and Building Products	568	1041	
Defense Electronics	412	271	
Plastics	461		
Subtotal	\$1,986	\$2,542	
Less: Defense Electronics	(412)	(271)	
Less: Plastics	(461)		
Total Revenue	\$1,113	\$2,271	
Income (loss) before taxes from continuing operations	(\$14)	\$111	
Acquisitions Costs	(314)	3111	
Restructuring Charges	10	21	
Depreciation & Amortization	37	52	
Net Interest Expense	51	63	
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Reported Adj. EBITDA	\$85	\$248	
Segment Adj. EBITDA:			
Consumer and Professional Products	45	116	
Home and Building Products	82	181	
Defense Electronics	46	20	
Plastics	53		
Subtotal	\$225	\$317	
Less: Defense Electronics	(46)	(20)	
Less: Plastics	(53)		
Segment Adj. EBITDA:	\$127	\$297	
Defense Electronics	46	20	
Plastics	53		
Stock and ESOP based Compensation	8	20	
Less: Corporate Expenses (less Depreciation)	(39)	(48)	
Compliance Adj. EBITDA	\$194	\$289	
Less: Capital Expenditures	80	47	
Free Cash Flow ¹	\$114	\$242	

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Note: Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided. ¹Free Cash Flow defined as Compliance Adj. EBITDA minus Capital Expenditures.

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Hunter EBITDA Reconciliation

(\$ in millions)

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Griffon