

DONALDSON CO INC  
Form PRER14A  
September 26, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
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**Donaldson Company Inc.**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on November 18, 2011**

**DONALDSON  
COMPANY, INC.**

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440-1299

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**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** September 22, 2011

**Date:** November 18, 2011 **Time:** 1:00 PM CST

**Location:** Donaldson Company, Inc.  
Campus West  
2001 West 94th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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## Before You Vote

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement
2. Shareholder Letter
3. Form 10-K

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before November 06, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees**

01 F. Guillaume Bastiaens      02 Janet M. Dolan      03 Jeffrey Noddle      04 Ajita G. Rajendra

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3**

- 2. Approval of amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 120,000,000 to 240,000,000.
- 3. Non-binding advisory vote to approve the Compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

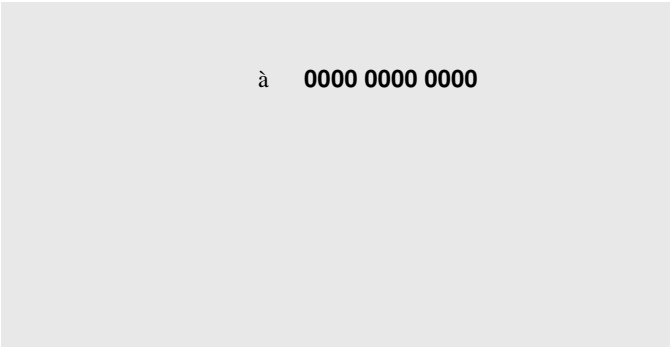
**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR 3 YEARS on the following proposal:**

- 4. Non-binding advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:**

- 5. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Donaldson Company, Inc.'s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2012.

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.



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