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Ancora Alternatives LLC ("Ancora Alternatives"), together with the other participants named herein, have filed a definitive proxy statement and accompanying BLUE proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to be used to solicit proxies for the election of their slate of director nominees at the 2024 annual meeting of shareholders of Norfolk Southern Corporation, a Virginia corporation (the "Company"). From time to time, Ancora Alternatives and the other participants named herein may refer shareholders of the Company to such materials reproduced herein, recent articles or other materials. The materials disclosed herein may be posted to the Ancora Alternatives campaign website at <u>www.movenscforward.com</u>.

Item 1: From time to time, Ancora Alternatives and the other participants named herein may refer shareholders of the Company to the materials that are reproduced below.

Exhibit 1:

The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Determines that a Change in Leadership is Needed At Norfolk Southern Sees No Reason to Support the Current Administration at Norfolk Southern

April 25, 2024 09:45 AM Eastern Daylight Time

NOVI, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("BMWED-IBT") today announced that it has determined a change in leadership at Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) ("Norfolk Southern") is necessary.

Tony Cardwell, President of BMWED-IBT, commented:

"The BMWED-IBT, after more than a year of non-committal hedging on reasonable, needed changes and untenable shakiness in management at Norfolk Southern, has determined that a change in leadership is needed for the freight rail carrier and its employees.

Following yesterday's earnings call and a reasonably constructive meeting with a potential new leadership team, our Brotherhood has determined that a change at the top would be the best course of action for BMWED-IBT members.

For many months since East Palestine, the BMWED has not been able to get assurances from the current leadership to implement needed policy and procedural changes to prevent such tragedies from reoccurring.

At this juncture, seeing no path forward, we see no reason to support the current administration at Norfolk Southern."

Contacts Zachary Wood Director of Strategic Coordination and Research BMWED-IBT (248) 662-2614 zwood@bmwe.org

Exhibit 2:

Teamsters union endorses activist Ancora in Norfolk Southern proxy fight CNBC By Rohan Goswami

- April 25, 2024
 - The BMWED Teamsters said the railroad union would back activist Ancora and its seven director nominees in a proxy contest at Norfolk Southern.
 - Winning labor support is key to both activist and management efforts to convince shareholders of their individual plans for the troubled railroad.
 - Labor support is divided at Norfolk, with the Teamsters backing Ancora and AFL-CIO supporting management.

Activist Ancora on Thursday won the support of the BMWED Teamsters in the investor's efforts to oust Norfolk Southern CEO Alan Shaw and a majority of the railroad's 13-person board.

The labor group said it would back the activist's seven director nominees over Norfolk Southern management, a significant endorsement in an industry unusually dependent on union support.

The support from the BMWED Teamsters, whose members build and maintain the track infrastructure that keeps Norfolk Southern trains moving, amounts to a sharp rebuke of CEO Alan Shaw and Norfolk Southern's board.

"The BMWED-IBT, after more than a year of non-committal hedging on reasonable, needed changes and untenable shakiness in management at Norfolk Southern, has determined that a change in leadership is needed for the freight rail carrier and its employees," BMWED Teamsters president Tony Cardwell said.

Labor support is now divided between management and activists. Earlier this month, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations wrote to Norfolk Southern shareholders and said it's supporting management over Ancora. The union said it was concerned Ancora's plan would lead to understaffing, among other things.

Maintaining positive relationships with labor is crucial for prospective management, given that more than half of U.S. railroad employees belong to a union. The threat of a national railroad strike over paid sick days prompted presidential and congressional intervention in 2022, for example.

Norfolk Southern management has argued that Ancora's plan to implement precision railroading, or PSR, and streamline operations, would damage the railroad's relationship with customers, regulators, and labor groups. The Teamsters' backing would suggest that some union members think the opposite.

"At this juncture, seeing no path forward, we see no reason to support the current administration at Norfolk Southern," Cardwell said.

Norfolk Southern and Ancora have been locked in a proxy contest for several months. Ancora seeks to install former UPS COO Jim Barber as CEO, with former CSX executive Jamie Boychuk as his chief operating officer. Both executives are former union members, Boychuk noted Thursday.

"It's a tremendous vote of confidence to gain the support of the BMWED Teamsters—they are going to be a critical partner as we work to build a more efficient, safer, and sustainable railroad," Barber said in a press release.

The activist has argued that Norfolk Southern has mishandled the fallout from a high-profile derailment in East Palestine, Ohio and that the company's operating plan is unworkable.

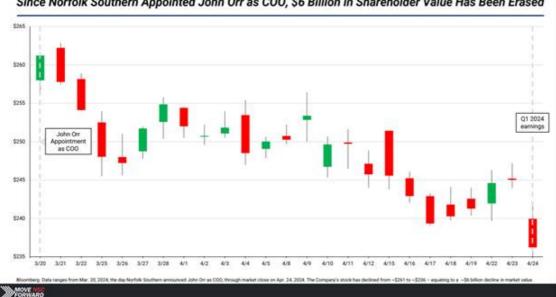
Norfolk Southern says it has full confidence in CEO Shaw and his turnaround plan. The company has received the support of key regulators in Washington. It's also added two new directors and hired a new COO, John Orr, whom the company says is already driving service improvements.

Much will hinge on which side the influential proxy advisors decide to back. The support of proxy advisors ISS and Glass Lewis will be key to institutional shareholders' decisions.

Some have already come out in support of Ancora. Neuberger Berman, for example, is backing the activist and said that Norfolk Southern had a history of poor governance and that a boardroom change was needed.

Norfolk Southern's shareholder meeting is scheduled for May 9.

Exhibit 3:



Since Norfolk Southern Appointed John Orr as COO, \$6 Billion in Shareholder Value Has Been Erased

Ancora's proposed directors and management team can take Norfolk Southern from Worst to First, but it requires replacing a majority of the Board.

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NSC Shareholders - Stop the Value Destruction

Since NSC appointed John Orr as COO, \$6 billion in shareholder value has been erased. Put an end to the value destruction under the current Board.

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NSC Shareholders - Take NS From Worst to First

Ancora's proposed directors and management team can take NSC from Worst to First. Learn more about our plan to Move Norfolk Southern Forward.

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Exhibit 5:

Ancora Holdings Group

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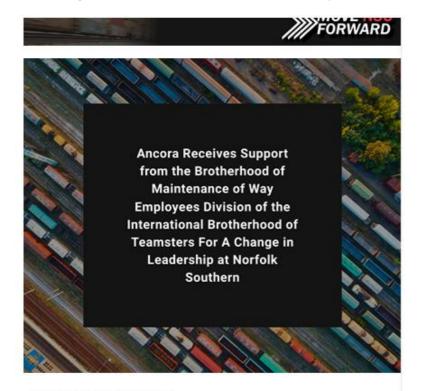
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New leadership can implement our PSR-Powered Scheduled Network Strategy to regain trust, reestablish reliability and unlock enhanced value for all stakeholders:

- Service Customer-focused, based on reliable service with excellent value.
- Cost Control Manage costs targeted at creating network operating leverage.
- Asset Utilization Focus on velocity and asset turnover, thereby creating additional capacity.
- Safety-First Culture The well-being of our people, business partners and community.
- Human Capital People are your #1 asset; ensure you provide recognition and development.

Item 2: On April 25, 2024, Ancora Alternatives sent the following communication to shareholders.



Fellow Norfolk Southern Stakeholder:

Today, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters announced its support of Ancora's full director slate and proposed management team for Norfolk Southern.

BMWED TEAMSTERS ANNOUNCEMENT

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For more information on how to vote the BLUE Proxy Card for each of Ancora's proposed directors at the upcoming Annual Meeting, visit www.MoveNSCForward.com.

LEARN HOW TO VOTE

Thank you again for your interest and continued support in MOVING NSC FORWARD.

Sincerely,

Ancora Holdings Group, LLC

Link to Legal Disclaimers

Ancora Receives Support from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters For A Change in Leadership at Norfolk Southern

Following Engagement with Proposed CEO Jim Barber and Proposed COO Jamie Boychuk, the BMWED Teamsters Decides to Express Its Opposition to the Current Leadership of Norfolk Southern

The BMWED Teamsters Concludes That the Most Reasonable Path Forward For Its Members is A Change in Leadership

April 25, 2024 09:45 AM Eastern Daylight Time

CLEVELAND--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Ohio-based Ancora Holdings Group, LLC (collectively with its affiliates, "Ancora" or "we"), which owns a large equity stake in Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) ("Norfolk Southern" or the "Company"), today announced that its seven candidates (the "Shareholder Slate") for election to the Company's 13-member Board of Directors (the "Board") have received support from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("BMWED Teamsters"). The nominees have collectively expressed their gratitude to the union.

Following the BMWED Teamsters' announcement, proposed CEO Jim Barber stated: "It's a tremendous vote of confidence to gain the support of the BMWED Teamsters – they are going to be a critical partner as we work to build a more efficient, safer and sustainable railroad. With all that the BMWED Teamsters' members have riding on a successful turnaround of Norfolk Southern, I'm glad that we were able to meet, speak and align on fundamental principles about how we're going to move Norfolk Southern forward."

Proposed COO Jamie Boychuk added: "Both Jim Barber and I are former union members. We started our careers with union membership – Jim at UPS and me at Canadian National Railway. We're excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the BMWED Teamsters, and all Norfolk Southern employees, to deliver sustainable, long-term value creation for our shareholders and stakeholders."

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of Norfolk Southern is scheduled for May 9, 2024. Shareholders of Norfolk Southern are advised to carefully read the proxy statements that are available at www.SEC.gov or www.MoveNSCForward.com. Questions can be directed to Ancora's proxy solicitor, DF King, by calling 1-866-227-7300. The Board of Norfolk Southern has 13 members. Ancora has nominated seven candidates for the Board and is seeking a majority because it believes that is the least-disruptive, highest-certainty path to installing qualified management and implementing a PSR strategy, the same strategy that has led to substantial operational improvements at all other publicly-traded Class I Railroads.

About Ancora

Founded in 2003, Ancora Holdings Group, LLC offers integrated investment advisory, wealth management, retirement plan services and insurance solutions to individuals and institutions across the United States. The firm is a long-term supporter of union labor and has a history of working with union groups and public pension plans to deliver long-term value. Ancora's comprehensive service offering is complemented by a dedicated team that has the breadth of expertise and operational structure of a global institution, with the responsiveness and flexibility of a boutique firm. For more information about Ancora, please visit https://ancora.net.

Advisors

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP is serving as legal advisor, with Longacre Square Partners LLC serving as communications and strategy advisor and D.F. King & Co., Inc. serving as proxy solicitor.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARTICIPANTS

The participants in the proxy solicitation are Ancora Catalyst Institutional, LP ("Ancora Catalyst Institutional"), Ancora Merlin Institutional, LP ("Ancora Merlin"), Ancora Merlin"), Ancora Merlin"), Ancora Merlin"), Ancora Merlin"), Ancora Merlin"), Ancora Catalyst, LP ("Ancora Catalyst"), Ancora Bellator Fund, LP ("Ancora Bellator"), Ancora Impact Fund LP Series AA ("Ancora Impact AA") and Ancora Impact Fund LP Series BB ("Ancora Impact BB") (each of which is a series fund within Ancora Impact Fund LP) (Ancora Catalyst Institutional, Ancora Merlin Institutional, Ancora Merlin, Ancora Catalyst, Ancora Bellator, Ancora Impact AA and Ancora Impact BB, collectively, the "Ancora Funds"), Ancora Advisors, LLC ("Ancora Advisors"), The Ancora Group LLC ("Ancora Group"), Ancora Family Wealth Advisors, LLC ("Ancora Family Wealth"), Inverness Holdings LLC ("Inverness Holdings"), Ancora Alternatives, Ancora Holdings Group, LLC ("Ancora Holdings") and Frederick DiSanto (collectively, the "Ancora Parties"); and Betsy Atkins, James Barber, Jr., William Clyburn, Jr., Sameh Fahmy, John Kasich, Gilbert Lamphere and Allison Landry (the "Ancora Nominees" and, collectively with the Ancora Parties, the "Participants").

Ancora Alternatives and the other Participants have filed a definitive proxy statement and accompanying BLUE proxy card (the "Definitive Proxy Statement") with the SEC on March 26, 2024 to be used to solicit proxies for, among other matters, the election of its slate of director nominees at the 2024 annual meeting of shareholders of Norfolk Southern.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

ANCORA ALTERNATIVES STRONGLY ADVISES ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO SUCH DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, AND OTHER PROXY MATERIALS FILED BY ANCORA ALTERNATIVES AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SUCH PROXY MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV AND AT ANCORA ALTERNATIVE'S WEBSITE AT WWW.MOVENSCFORWARD.COM. THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD WILL BE FURNISHED TO SOME OR ALL OF THE COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS. SHAREHOLDERS MAY ALSO DIRECT A REQUEST TO THE PARTICIPANTS' PROXY SOLICITOR, D.F. KING & CO., INC., 48 WALL STREET, 22ND FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005 (SHAREHOLDERS CAN CALL TOLL-FREE: +1 (866) 227-7300).

Information about the Participants and a description of their direct or indirect interests by security holdings or otherwise can be found in the Definitive Proxy Statement.

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