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RPM, INC.

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FORM OF LETTER

RPM, INC.  
2628 PEARL ROAD  
MEDINA, OHIO 44258

September 13, 2002

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy material for the Annual Meeting of RPM, Inc. Shareholders to be held on October 11, 2002. YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR ALL OF THE PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Since approval of the Reincorporation Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares, YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. Whether or not you have already done so, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD TODAY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Sullivan  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting  
your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED  
TOLL-FREE, AT 1-877-750-9496.

IMPORTANT NOTE:  
IF YOU HOLD YOUR SHARES THROUGH A BANK OR BROKER,  
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO VOTE BY TELEPHONE, OR VIA THE INTERNET.  
PLEASE CALL INNISFREE AT 877-750-9496 FOR ASSISTANCE.

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FORM OF LETTER

RPM, INC.  
2628 PEARL ROAD  
MEDINA, OHIO 44258

September 23, 2002

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

According to our latest records, we have not yet received your proxy for the important Annual Meeting of RPM, Inc. Shareholders on October 11, 2002. Your Board of Directors has unanimously recommended that shareholders vote FOR all of the proposals on the agenda.

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To help your company avoid the expense of further solicitation, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD TODAY.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Sullivan  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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If you have any questions, or need assistance in the last-minute voting of your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

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TOLL-FREE, AT 1-877-750-9496.

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FORM OF FREQUENTLY  
ASKED QUESTIONS  
POSTED ON REGISTRANT'S WEBSITE

WHY DOES THE COMPANY WANT TO REINCORPORATE IN DELAWARE?

By reincorporating in Delaware, the company would be able to take advantage of Delaware's modern and flexible corporate laws, as well as the expertise of the Delaware courts in corporate matters. In addition, reincorporating in Delaware would allow RPM to more effectively align the legal structure of its various operating companies under appropriate intermediate holding companies and further streamline the management and operations of its businesses.

WILL THE COMPANY BE MOVING TO DELAWARE IF THE REINCORPORATION TAKES PLACE?

No, RPM would continue to have its headquarters in Ohio. The company remains fully committed to Northeast Ohio. The company anticipates that the proposed reincorporation would have no material impact on its employees, customers and suppliers worldwide, or any of the local communities where it has operations.

WILL MY DIVIDENDS OR HOLDINGS BE AFFECTED BY THE REINCORPORATION?

No, this proposed transaction, in and of itself, would have no effect on RPM's dividend policy. As has always been the case, future dividends will depend on the earnings, financial condition and capital requirement of RPM-Delaware and its subsidiaries. Likewise, the reincorporation would not alter the number of shares of the company you own. Each common share of RPM that you own would automatically be converted into one share of common stock of RPM-Delaware. So, if you hold 50 shares of the company prior to the reincorporation, then you would hold 50 shares of the company after the reincorporation. The conversion would be completely transparent to you - you would not even need to surrender your stock certificates.