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To: Employee Shareholders of The Travelers Companies, Inc.
Enclosed are your proxy card and instructions for voting any shares of stock of The Travelers Companies, Inc. (the Company) held for your account in the Company s 401(k) Savings Plan.
By now, you also should have received an email with a link that allows you to view or download the following materials online: (1) the 2012 Annual Report of The Travelers Companies, Inc. and (2) the Company s Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, dated April 9, 2013. Please refer to these materials when voting your shares.
If you have not received the e-mail regarding the Annual Report and the Proxy Statement, you may view or download them online at www.proxyvote.com. Also, you may request paper copies of both documents by sending an e-mail to Bob Bradshaw in Hartford or Amy Tauzell in Saint Paul. Please include your full name and mail code in the request.
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THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

IMPORTANT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN

THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

Dear Participant,

As described in the proxy statement, the annual meeting of shareholders of The Travelers Companies, Inc. (the Company) will be held on May 22, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Harford Marriott Downtown, 200 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103 (Annual Meeting). The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to consider and to vote upon the following matters:

- Election of the 11 directors listed in the proxy statement.
- Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for 2013.
- Non-binding vote to approve executive compensation.
- Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to provide additional authority to issue preferred stock.
- Shareholder proposal relating to political contributions and expenditures, if presented at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Please read the proxy statement as it contains important information concerning these matters.

The enclosed proxy card identifies the number of shares you are entitled to vote within the Company s 401(k) Savings Plan (Savings Plan). If you are also a shareholder of record, the number of shares you own of record on the books of our stock transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,

is shown separately on the proxy card after the words

Travelers Common.

Savings Plan

If you are a participant in the Savings Plan, you are entitled to vote shares of Company common stock held in the Savings Plan for your account as of the record date, March 25, 2013. To vote shares held in the Savings Plan for your account (which includes a Common Stock Fund), you must direct the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, how to vote the shares.

Voting Instructions	
1 7	ee for the shares held for you through the Savings Plan. Alternatively, you ternet voting procedures described on the enclosed proxy card. Your voting
All voting instructions for shares held for you under the Savings received no later than 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May	Plan, whether transmitted by mail, telephone or Internet, must be 20, 2013, in order to be processed in a timely manner.
• If your voting instructions with respect to shares held for Time on May 20, 2013, the trustee will vote shares held for you undedirections from other participants have been received by the trustee.	you under the Savings Plan are not received by 11:59 P.M. Eastern Dayligher the Savings Plan in the same proportion as shares for which voting
Questions regarding the voting of Company stock held in the Saving	s Plan should be directed to me at (917) 778-6828.
	Sincerely,
	Matthew S. Furman Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary

To: Former Employee Shareholders of The Travelers Companies, Inc.
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