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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD MAY 16, 2000

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Patrick Industries, Inc., an Indiana corporation, will be held at the Company's Patrick Metals Division offices, 5020 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, Indiana, on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 10:30 a.m., Mishawaka time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors of the Company to serve until 2003.
2. To consider and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 17, 2000, as the record date for the determination of the holders of shares of the Company's outstanding Common Stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted on at the meeting.

Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, you are urged to sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy in the enclosed envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KEITH V. KANKEL
SECRETARY

April 10, 2000

PLEASE DATE, SIGN AND MAIL THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE FOR MAILING IN THE UNITED STATES. A PROMPT RESPONSE IS HELPFUL, AND YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD MAY 16, 2000

This Proxy Statement is being mailed to shareholders of Patrick Industries, Inc. (the "Company") on or about April 10, 2000, and is furnished in connection with the Board of Directors' solicitation of proxies for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 16, 2000 for the purpose of considering and acting upon the matters specified in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders accompanying this Proxy Statement. If the form of proxy which accompanies this Proxy Statement is executed and returned, it may be revoked by the person giving it at any time prior to the voting thereof by written notice to the Secretary, by delivery of a later dated proxy or by requesting to vote in person at the meeting. Additional solicitations, in person or by telephone or telegraph, may be made by certain directors, officers and employees of the Company without additional compensation. Expenses incurred in the solicitation of proxies, including postage, printing and handling, and actual expenses incurred by brokerage houses, custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries in forwarding documents to beneficial owners, will be paid by the Company.

The Annual Report to shareholders for the year ended December 31, 1999, accompanies this Proxy Statement. Additional copies of the Annual Report may be obtained by writing the Secretary of the Company.

VOTING INFORMATION

Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of the Company's Common Stock held as of the record date. For purposes of the meeting, a quorum means a majority of the outstanding shares. As of the close of business on March 17, 2000, the record date for shareholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting, there were outstanding 5,273,266 shares of Common Stock, entitled to one vote each. In determining whether a quorum exists at the meeting, all shares represented in person or by proxy will be counted. A shareholder may, with respect to the election of directors, (i) vote for the election of all named director nominees, (ii) withhold authority to vote for all named director nominees or (iii) vote for the election of all named director nominees other

than any nominee with respect to whom the shareholder withholds authority to vote by so indicating in the appropriate space on the proxy. Proxies properly executed and received by the Company prior to the meeting and not revoked will be voted as directed therein on all matters presented at the meeting. In the absence of a specific direction from the shareholder, proxies will be voted for the election of all named director nominees.

The Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by shares present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Withholding authority to vote in the election of Directors will have no effect on any matter at the Annual Meeting. Any other matter which may properly come before the meeting will be approved if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action. Broker non-votes will have no effect on any matter at the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors knows of no other matter which may come up for action at the meeting. However, if any other matter properly comes before the meeting, the persons named in the proxy form enclosed will vote in accordance with their judgment upon such matter.

Shareholder proposals for inclusion in proxy materials for the next Annual Meeting should be addressed to the Company's Secretary, P.O. Box 638, Elkhart, Indiana 46515, and must be received no later than December 11, 2000. In addition, the Company's By-laws require notice of any other business to be brought before a meeting by a shareholder (but not included in the proxy statement) to be delivered to the Company's Secretary, together with certain prescribed information, not less than 20 nor more than 50 days prior to such meeting. Likewise, the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws require that shareholder nominations to the Board of Directors be delivered to the Secretary, together with certain prescribed information, not less than 20 no more than 50 days prior to a meeting at which directors are to be elected.

STOCK OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

The following table sets forth, as of the record date, information concerning the only parties known to the Company having beneficial ownership of more than 5 percent of its outstanding Common Stock and information with respect to the stock ownership of all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER -----	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED -----	PERCENT OF CLASS -----
<S>	<C>	<C>
Mervin D. Lung Chairman of the Company P.O. Box 638 Elkhart, Indiana 46515	975,286	18.50%
Dimensional Fund Advisors, Inc. 1299 Ocean Avenue, 11th Floor Santa Monica, California 90401	371,442	7.04%
FMR Corp 82 Devonshire Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	528,100	10.01%
Heartland Advisors, Inc. 790 North Milwaukee Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202	766,600	14.54%
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (10 persons)	1,233,536	23.39% (1)

(1) The stock ownership of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table is set forth under the heading "Election of Directors", except for R. Lynn Brandon who owns no shares.

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SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires that certain of the Company's officers, its directors and 10% shareholders file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and Nasdaq an initial statement of beneficial ownership and certain statements of changes in beneficial ownership of Common Stock of the Company. Based solely on its review of such forms received by the Company and written representation from the directors and officers that no other reports were required, the Company is unaware of any instances of noncompliance, or late compliance, with such filings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with the members of each class serving staggered three-year terms. Accordingly, at the 2000 Annual Meeting three directors will be elected to hold office until the 2003 Annual Meeting or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

It is intended that the proxies will be voted for the nominees listed below, unless otherwise indicated on the proxy form. It is expected that these nominees will serve, but, if for any unforeseen cause any such nominee should decline or be unable to serve, the proxies will be voted to fill any vacancy so arising in accordance with the discretionary authority of the persons named in the proxies.

The following information concerning principal occupations and the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company owned beneficially as of March 17, 2000, has been furnished by the nominees and directors continuing in office:

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NAME AND AGE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS	FIRST YEAR ELECTED DIRECTOR	COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY OWNED (1)	PERCENT OF COMMON STOCK OWNED
Nominees to Serve Until the 2003 Annual Meeting:				
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Thomas G. Baer, 68	Retired Vice President of Operations, from 1975 through 1998.	1970	9,008	less than 1%
Merlin D. Knispel, 68	Retired Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Vitco, Inc. (porcelain enameler), from 1986 through 1997.	1985	30,300	less than 1%
David D. Lung, 52	President (Chief Operating Officer) since 1989. Son of Mervin D. and Dorothy M. Lung.	1977	75,556	1.43%

Directors to Serve Until the 2002 Annual Meeting:

<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Dorothy M. Lung, 73	Vice President and Director of Gano Plywood, Inc. (construction materials), wife of Mervin D. Lung and mother of David D. Lung	1986	39,600	less than 1%
Robert C. Timmins, 78	Vice President and Director of a Musical Instrument Company and CPA and Partner of McGladrey & Pullen (certified public accountants) until 1985.	1987	39,300	less than 1%
Terrence D. Brennan, 61	Retired President and CEO of NBD Bank, Elkhart, IN, from 1973 to 1997.	- -	7,000	less than 1%

NAME AND AGE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS	FIRST YEAR ELECTED DIRECTOR	COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY OWNED (1)	PERCENT OF COMMON STOCK OWNED
Directors to Serve Until the 2001 Annual Meeting:				
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Keith V. Kankel, 57	Vice President of Finance since 1987 and Secretary-Treasurer since 1974.	1977	16,686	less than 1%
Mervin D. Lung, 77	Chairman (Chief Executive Officer) in 1989, President since incorporation in 1961 until 1989, husband of Dorothy M. Lung and father of David D. Lung.	1961	975,286	18.5%
John H. McDermott, 68	President of John H. McDermott, P.C., a partner in the Chicago, Illinois law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery, which firm has been retained by the Company since 1968 for certain legal matters.	1969	29,000	less than 1%

Harold E. Wyland, 63 Retired Vice President of Sales, 1989 11,800 less than 1%

(1) Each individual has sole voting and dispositive power over the shares indicated.

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COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

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NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	ANNUAL COMPENSATION		LONG-TERM COMPENSATION	
		SALARY (\$)	BONUS (\$)	SECURITIES UNDERLYING OPTIONS (#)	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION (\$)
Mervin D. Lung Chairman and CEO	1999	243,436	146,393	50,000	850
	1998	235,903	192,806		850
	1997	219,408	168,862		665
David D. Lung President and COO	1999	238,443	167,664	50,000	850
	1998	198,965	192,806		850
	1997	182,853	168,862		665
Keith V. Kankel Vice President of Finance	1999	148,413	146,393	20,000	850
	1998	143,461	192,806		850
	1997	127,955	168,862		665
R. Lynn Brandon(3) Vice President of Operations	1999	77,885	63,214	0	0

- (1) The options are for a term of six years and become exercisable at the rate of 25% per year at the end of the first year, at \$14.75 per share.
- (2) Company contributions to 401(k) Savings Plan.
- (3) Mr. Brandon became an employee of the Company in May, 1999 and was appointed Vice President in August, 1999.

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OPTION GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

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	OPTIONS GRANTED	% OF TOTAL OPTIONS GRANTED TO EMPLOYEES	EXERCISE PRICE	EXPIRATION DATE	POTENTIAL REALIZABLE VALUE	
					5%	10%
Mervin D. Lung	50,000	14.2%	\$14.75	07/08/2006	250,500	569,000
David D. Lung	50,000	14.2%	\$14.75	07/08/2006	250,500	569,000
Keith V. Kankel	20,000	5.7%	\$14.75	07/08/2006	100,200	227,600

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AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN LAST FISCAL YEAR AND FY-END OPTION VALUES

NAME	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS AT FY-END (#)		VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS AT FY-END (\$)*	
	EXERCISABLE / NONEXERCISABLE		EXERCISABLE / NONEXERCISABLE	
Mervin D. Lung	10,000/50,000		\$0/0	
David D. Lung	10,000/50,000		\$0/0	
Keith V. Kankel	10,000/50,000		\$0/0	

* Market value of the underlying stock at exercise date or year-end as the case may be, minus the exercise price of the options.

Under the Company's 1987 Stock Option Program, the Company may grant to key employees (including employees who may also be officers and directors, as long as they do not serve on the committee overseeing the administration of the Program) stock options that may either be incentive stock options or non-qualified stock options, related stock appreciation rights and stock awards. In 1999, Mervin D. Lung and David D. Lung were granted 50,000 share options and Keith Kankel was granted a 20,000 share option. The options vest 25% per year and are for \$14.75 per share.

The executive officers of the Company have deferred compensation agreements which provide that the Company will pay each of these employees or their beneficiaries 60% of their base salary for 120 months upon retirement (if the employee continues in the employ of the Company until the age of 65) or upon the employee's death or total disability, up to a maximum of \$102,000 per year for Mervin D. Lung, \$82,000 per year for David D. Lung, and \$72,000 per year for Keith V. Kankel. The cost of these agreements is being funded with insurance contracts purchased by the Company

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee comprised of Terrence D. Brennan, Merlin D. Knispel and Robert C. Timmins, who are not employees of the Company, and Mervin D. Lung and Keith V. Kankel, who are employees of the Company. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include recommending to the Board of Directors the independent accountants to be employed for the purpose of conducting the annual examination of the Company's financial statement, discussing with the independent accountants the scope of their examination, reviewing the Company's financial statements and the independent accountants' report thereon with Company personnel and the independent accountants, and inviting the recommendations of the independent accountants regarding internal controls and other matters. The Audit Committee met four times during 1999.

The Board of Directors also has a Stock Option Committee, comprised of John H. McDermott, Terrence D. Brennan, and Robert C. Timmins. The Stock Option Committee met three times in 1999.

The Board of Directors also has a Compensation Committee which met four times in 1999 and their actions are described on the following pages of this Proxy Statement.

The Board of Directors had seven regular and two telephonic meetings in 1999 and all directors attended at least seven meetings. Non-employee directors are paid \$600 for each meeting they attend. Employee directors receive no compensation as such. On a bi-annual basis in May, each non-employee director is automatically granted a restricted stock award for 6,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock which will vest upon such director's continued service as a member of the Board of Directors for two years or earlier upon certain events.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

This report of the Compensation Committee and the following Performance Graph shall not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this Proxy Statement into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this information by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under such Acts.

OVERVIEW

The Committee policy is to design compensation programs for salaries, incentive bonus programs, other benefits, and long-term incentive programs for all key executives, including the officers named in the Summary Compensation Table. The goals and objectives of the Committee are to attract and retain top quality management employees and ensure that an appropriate relationship exists between executive pay and the creation of shareholder value. The criteria used to determine the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer will also be used in determining compensation for the other officers. The Committee will also receive the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the compensation of the other officers.

Federal tax law imposes a \$1 million limit on the tax deduction for certain executive compensation payments. Because the compensation paid to any executive office is significantly below the \$1 million threshold, the Compensation Committee has not yet had to address the issues relative thereto.

SALARIES

The executive salaries are reviewed annually. The Committee sets executive salaries based on competitive market levels, experience, individual and company performance, levels of responsibility, and pay practices of other companies

relating to executives of similar responsibility. The Committee considered the compensation levels of executives at comparable companies and fixed the compensation for the CEO and other executive officers at levels approximating the midrange of such companies. The Committee includes in its consideration comparable companies listed in the CRSP Index for lumber and wood products and other in building products industries. See "Performance Graph."

ANNUAL INCENTIVE

The Company provides an annual bonus plan for executive officers that gives them the opportunity to earn additional compensation based on the performance of the Company. The Chief Executive Officer and the other officers share in this program to achieve certain bonus amounts based on various levels of profitability of the Company. In 1999, a bonus pool of \$523,664 was divided among all executive officers. The basis for this bonus pool in 1999 was 4.1 percent of the Company's 1999 income before taxes.

STOCK OPTIONS

On an ongoing basis the Company has used stock options as a long-term incentive program for executives and key employees. The Stock Option Committee of the Board granted options in 1994 of 10,000 shares to each officer; which expired April 1, 2000. In 1999, the Stock Option Committee granted options of 352,500 shares at \$14.75 per share to key employees. Included in this grant was 50,000 shares each to Mervin D. Lung and David D. Lung, and 20,000 shares to Keith V. Kankel.

Merlin D. Knispel
David D. Lung
Mervin D. Lung
John H. McDermott
Robert C. Timmins
Terrence D. Brennan

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

Mervin D. Lung is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and David D. Lung is President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mervin D. Lung and David D. Lung did not participate in the final decisions with respect to their compensation. John H. McDermott is President of John H. McDermott, P.C., a partner in the Chicago, Illinois law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery which provides various legal services to the Company.

CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

The Company leases a distribution warehouse and various facilities for its manufacturing operations from Mervin D. Lung, the Company's Chairman, under an agreement which expires September 30, 2005, with an option to renew for three years. The agreement provides for monthly rental of \$27,801, and the payment of property taxes and insurance premiums on the property. The Company also leases two buildings from Mr. Lung used for distribution and manufacturing, under an agreement expiring on September 30, 2004, with an option to renew for five years. The agreement provides for monthly rental of \$25,029, and the payment of property taxes and insurance premiums on the property. The Company also leases two manufacturing facilities from Mr. Lung under agreements that expire on March 31, 2004 with options to renew for three years. The agreements provide for monthly rentals of \$11,149, and the payment of property taxes and insurance premiums on the property. The Company also leases three manufacturing facilities from Mr. Lung under agreements that expire on July 31, 2001, August 31, 2000, and October 31, 2000 with options to renew for three years. The agreements provide for monthly rentals of \$24,183, and the payment for property taxes and insurance premiums on the property. The Company also leases an aircraft from Mr. Lung under an agreement that expires on June 13, 2002. The agreement provides for monthly rentals of \$24,350, and the payment of insurance premiums and maintenance on the aircraft.

Mr. Lung owns a building supply firm which does not serve the manufactured housing and recreational vehicle industries. The Company purchases certain specialty items from and sells products to such firm. During the year ended December 31, 1999, purchases from such firm totaled \$85,553 and sales to such firm totaled \$81,361.

The Company believes that the terms of each of the above transactions are at least as favorable as those which could have been obtained from unrelated parties.

ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

The Company's Certified Public Accountants for the year 1999 were McGladrey & Pullen, LLP. The Board of Directors will vote upon the selection of auditors for the current fiscal year at a future Board meeting. McGladrey & Pullen, LLP is expected to have a representative at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and will be available to respond to appropriate questions at that time and have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so.

By Order of the Board of Directors

KEITH V. KANKEL
Secretary

April 10, 2000

PROXY

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PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.
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THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints Mervin D. Lung and David D. Lung, and each of them, as the undersigned's proxies, each with full power of substitution, to represent and to vote, as designated below, all of the undersigned's Common Stock in Patrick Industries, Inc. at the annual meeting of shareholders of Patrick Industries, Inc. to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, and at any adjournment thereof, with the same authority as if the undersigned were personally present.

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE UNDERSIGNED SHAREHOLDERS. IF NO SPECIFIC DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. THE DIRECTORS FAVOR A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE RETURN ENVELOPE

(Continued and to be signed on reverse side.)

PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.
PLEASE MARK VOTE IN OVAL IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER USING DARK INK ONLY.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:	For	Withhold	For All
Nominees:	All	All	Except
01 David D. Lung	/ /	/ /	/ /
02 Thomas G. Baer	/ /	/ /	/ /
03 Merlin D. Knispel	/ /	/ /	/ /

Votes Withheld for the Nominee(s)

2. In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated: _____, 2000

Signature (s) _____

Please sign exactly as name appears hereon. For joint accounts, all tenants should sign. Executors, Administrators, Trustees, etc., should so indicate when signing.

FOLD AND DETACH HERE

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY CARD
PROMPTLY USING THE RETURN ENVELOPE.