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On April 11, 2014, Sensient Technologies Corporation ("Sensient" or the "Company") issued a press release commenting on a report issued by Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS"), a leading proxy voting advisory and corporate governance services firm, recommending that Sensient's shareholders vote on the WHITE proxy card at the Company's 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 24, 2014. The Company's press release is furnished below.

LEADING PROXY ADVISORY FIRM ISS RECOMMENDS THAT SENSIENT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE ON THE WHITE PROXY CARD

MILWAUKEE – April 11, 2014 – Sensient Technologies Corporation (NYSE: SXT; “Sensient”) today commented on a report issued by Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”), a leading proxy voting advisory and corporate governance services firm, recommending that Sensient’s shareholders vote on the WHITE proxy card at the Company’s 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 24, 2014.

In ISS’s report issued on April 10, 2014, the firm acknowledged Sensient’s improving performance and stated, “The dissident critique of poor performance appears unfounded, and does not appear to account for the company’s improving fundamentals since 2009.” In addition, ISS also highlighted the fact that FrontFour has not made a compelling case for change stating, “...the dissidents, in centering their arguments on the need for strategic and operating changes, have not made a compelling case that those changes are necessary...”

The Company issued the following statement in response to the ISS report, “We appreciate that ISS recognizes the improving performance we are delivering through the execution of our proven strategic plan. We agree with ISS that shareholders should vote on the WHITE proxy card, however, we strongly disagree with their recommendation to withhold on our highly qualified directors. Our Board has the necessary experience and expertise to continue to guide Sensient in the execution of our strategic plan and remains committed to delivering value to all shareholders. We urge shareholders to support the continued execution of Sensient’s plan by voting on the WHITE proxy card for our directors.”

Sensient urges shareholders to vote the WHITE proxy card “For” the Company’s highly-qualified nominees. Shareholders can find additional information regarding the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders at www.sensient.com.

Your Vote Is Important, No Matter How Many Shares You Own.

If you have questions about how to vote your shares on the WHITE proxy card, or need additional assistance, please contact the firm assisting us in the proxy solicitation:

D.F. King & Co., Inc.

Shareholders Call Toll-Free: 1-888-886-4425

Banks and Brokers Call Collect: 1-212-269-5550

Email: sxt@dfking.com

IMPORTANT

WE URGE YOU NOT TO SIGN ANY GREEN PROXY CARD SENT TO YOU BY FRONTFOUR.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains statements that may constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Federal securities laws. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors concerning the Company’s operations and business environment. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by these forward-looking statements and that could adversely affect the Company’s future financial performance include the following: the pace and nature of new product introductions by the Company and the Company’s customers; the Company’s ability to successfully implement its strategy to create sustainable, long-term shareholder value; the Company’s ability to successfully implement its growth strategies; the outcome of the Company’s various productivity-improvement and cost-reduction efforts; changes in costs or availability of raw materials, including energy; industry and economic factors related to the Company’s domestic and international business; growth in markets for products in which the Company competes; industry and customer acceptance of price increases; actions by competitors, including increased intensity of competition; the loss of any customers in certain product lines in which our sales are made to a relatively small number of customers; product liability claims or product recalls; the costs of compliance, or failure to comply, with laws and regulations applicable to our industries and markets; changing consumer preferences and changing technologies; and failure to complete and integrate future acquisitions or dispositions. The risks and uncertainties identified above are not the only risks the Company faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that it currently believes to be immaterial also may adversely affect the Company. Should any known or unknown risks and uncertainties develop into actual events, these developments could have material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations. This document contains time-sensitive information that reflects management’s best analysis only as of the date of this release. The Company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied herein will not be realized. Additional information regarding these risks can be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In connection with its 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Sensient has filed a proxy statement and other documents regarding the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and has mailed the definitive proxy statement and a proxy card to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. **SHAREHOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Investors and security holders may obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov, from Sensient at its website, www.sensient.com, or by writing to Sensient Technologies Corporation, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202, Attention: Investor Relations.

ABOUT SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES

Sensient Technologies Corporation is a leading global manufacturer and marketer of colors, flavors and fragrances. Sensient employs advanced technologies at facilities around the world to develop specialty food and beverage systems, cosmetic and pharmaceutical systems, inkjet and specialty inks and colors, and other specialty and fine chemicals. The Company's customers include major international manufacturers representing most of the world's best-known brands. Sensient is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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