Mr. Walton became a member of Wal-Mart's board in 1978 and Chairman of the Board in 1992. Mr. Walton is also a Wooster College Trustee, a Conservation International Board of Directors member, on the Conservation International’s Executive Committee, Campaign Advisory Committee, Program Committee and Corporate Partnership Committee Chairman, and Business Chairman on the Conservation International Center for Environmental Leadership.

Wal-Mart has more than 1.9 million sales associates worldwide and nearly 6,500 stores and wholesale clubs across 13 countries. Under Mr. Walton's leadership, Wal-Mart has set ambitious goals: to be supplied 100% by renewable energy, create zero waste, and sell products that sustain natural resources and the environment. To accomplish these goals, Wal-Mart established 14 Sustainable Value Networks made up of associates, suppliers, nonprofits and other organizations.

These 14 value networks address: researching renewable and alternative fuels; working with transportation networks to develop the first electric-diesel hybrid, heavy-duty truck and streamlining trailers for increased fuel efficiency; working with fishing suppliers to ensure that products sold in stores meet the Marine Stewardship Council and the Aquaculture Certification Council accreditations; working with China’s sourcing network to improve the education of workers and areas such as toxic materials waste, energy, waste, air and water; implementing high-efficiency stores that save energy through heating, cooling and refrigeration; reducing waste by recycling plastics, generating 57 million pounds of recycled plastic and promoting products with extended roll life cutting down on paper usage. Together with its suppliers, Wal-Mart is moving industries and consumers toward more sustainable materials through supply networks, lowering CO2 emissions and transportation of products, creating scoring systems for companies to enter into Wal-Mart’s sustainable systems, and encouraging patrons of Wal-Mart to ask for sustainable products through promotion and price breaks.