Donald C. Graham founded Graham Engineering in 1960 with no capital in the basement of his rented farmhouse in rural Pennsylvania. Today, the Graham Group manages approximately $2.5 billion of internal and third party capital and is the anchor sponsor of four investment management businesses including the family investment office, Graham Capital Company located in York, PA and three private equity firms based in the Philadelphia area, Graham Partners, Inverness Graham and Striker Partners. The Graham Group manages a significant pool of marketable securities along with investments in over 100 private equity, real estate and hedge funds. The Graham Group also maintains direct investments in businesses in diverse industries including packaging, building products, aerospace components, electronics and drainage and irrigation products.

Very few people have had the impact on both the OEM blow molding machinery business and blow molding converting business that Mr. Graham had over the past 45 years. The packaging conversions of liquid laundry detergent bottles, motor oil containers, aseptic dairy packaging, and coextrusion production for either “sandwiching” recycled resins or producing multilayer barrier containers, are just a few examples of applications that the Graham companies helped develop to the benefit of the overall industry.

Graham Engineering built their first Rotary Wheel blow molder in 1968. Since that time, Graham Engineering has built hundreds of blow molding machines including multiple size wheel machines, shuttle machines, accumulator head machines and reciprocating screw and shot pot machines. Under Mr. Graham’s leadership, Graham Packaging Company became one of the largest global blow molding converting companies, and that growth has continued since his divestiture of controlling interest of that business to Blackstone in 1998.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Graham has been an active benefactor in community, cultural and environmental projects. He has served on boards and committees of numerous academic institutions including the University of Michigan, Babson College, Burke Mountain Academy, York College and Dartmouth College. He has funded several faculty chairs and scholarship programs at these institutions and has funded the Graham Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at Penn State York. He has also received the Benjamin Rush Award from Dickinson College. His community support includes projects such as the Graham Aquatic Center in York, PA.

From the University of Michigan he has received the Alumni Society Medal for extraordinary achievement, has been involved in and supported the Tauber Institute, the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, the Sam Graham Trees and Trails, the Graham Nanotech Labs, the Technical Entrepreneurial Studies Program and has supported scholarships and several projects at the Athletic Department. He has served in various capacities at the
University including the President's Advisory Group, College of Engineering National Advisory Committee and Honorary Co-Chair for the Michigan Difference Campaign.

Mr. Graham serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mpala Wildlife Foundation in Kenya which manages a Scientific Research Centre, Ranch and Wildlife Conservancy, as well as a health clinic and a school for children. He also serves on the African Wildlife Foundation Board. The African Wildlife Foundation’s mission is to conserve wildlife, protect land and empower people throughout Africa.

Mr. Graham has been active in many professional organizations, including Young Presidents' Organization, Chief Executive Officers, World Business Council, American Business Council, Recycling Advisory Council and the local Pennsylvania Manufacturer’s Association where he was Chairman. He currently serves on over ten Corporate Boards.

Mr. Graham earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and his Master’s Degree in Industrial Engineering and Business Management from the University of Michigan. Mr. Graham has received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from both York College of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan.

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