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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14a-101)**

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**IMPORTANT ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING  
INFORMATION YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

## **Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Rock-Tenn Company Shareholders Meeting to be Held on January 30, 2009**

Under new Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual shareholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online, by telephone or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report are available at:**

**[www.envisionreports.com/RKT](http://www.envisionreports.com/RKT)**

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**When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.**

**Step 1:** Go to **[www.envisionreports.com/RKT](http://www.envisionreports.com/RKT)** to view the materials.

**Step 2:** Click on **Cast Your Vote or Request Materials**.

**Step 3:** Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

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**When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.**

**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials** If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before January 20, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.

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## Shareholder Meeting Notice

**Rock-Tenn Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on January 30, 2009 at the Northeast Atlanta Hilton at Peachtree Corners, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, Georgia 30092, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.**

**Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following proposals:**

1. To elect four directors:
  - 1 - John D. Hopkins
  - 2 - James A. Rubright
  - 3 - Bettina M. Whyte
  - 4 - James E. Young
  
2. To adopt and approve an amendment to the Rock-Tenn Company 2004 Incentive Stock Plan to increase by 1,200,000 the number of shares of Rock-Tenn Company Class A Common Stock available for equity awards under the plan, to add to the plan cash bonus incentives as awards that can be granted as alternatives to stock grants or stock unit grants, and to add additional performance goals to the plan that can be used as conditions to performance-based compensation awards granted pursuant to the plan.
  
3. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm of Rock-Tenn Company.
  
4. To transact any other business that properly comes before the annual meeting or any adjournment of the annual meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online, by telephone or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card.**

Meeting Directions:

For directions to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Rock-Tenn Company, please call Investor Relations at 678-291-7900 or 770-448-2193.

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**Paper copies:** Current and future paper delivery requests can be submitted via the telephone, Internet or email options below.

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- **Email** Send email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with Proxy Materials RockTenn in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the three numbers located in the shaded bar on the reverse, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by January 20, 2009.

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