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## PQ Group Holdings Announces Election of Susan F. Ward to Board of Directors

MALVERN, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PQ Group Holdings Inc. (NYSE:PQG), a leading integrated and innovative global provider of specialty catalysts, materials, chemicals and services, announced today that Susan F. Ward has been elected as a member of its Board of Directors and Chair of its Audit Committee effective June 1, 2020.

A respected accounting professional, Ms. Ward spent 27 years serving in a variety of roles at United Parcel Service, Inc., most recently as its Chief Accounting Officer from 2015 until her retirement in 2019. Prior to her tenure at UPS, Ms. Ward spent 10 years at Ernst & Young in Assurance Services. She was elected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors as a result of her years of experience as a senior financial executive of a multi-national business, as well as her public accounting experience.

"Susan is a talented and insightful professional who brings a wealth of experience to our Board and our Audit Committee," said Belgacem Chariag, Chairman, President and CEO of PQ. "I look forward to working closely with Susan as she will play a key role in helping us to build value for PQ's shareholders."

"I am honored by the opportunity to serve on PQ's Board," Ms. Ward said. "I am looking forward to getting to work with my fellow Board members and the management team at PQ."

Ms. Ward holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from St. Bonaventure University and an MBA from Fordham University. She also attended the Leadership & Strategic Impact Executive Program at the Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business. She also serves on the board of directors and audit committee of Saia Inc., a leading carrier that provides less-than-truckload (LTL), truckload, distribution and consolidation and logistics services.

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### **About PQ Group Holdings Inc.**

PQ Group Holdings Inc. and subsidiaries is a leading integrated and innovative global provider of specialty catalysts, materials, chemicals and services. We support customers globally through our strategically located network of manufacturing facilities. We believe that

our products, which are predominantly inorganic, and services contribute to improving the sustainability of the environment. We have four uniquely positioned specialty businesses: **Refining Services** provides sulfuric acid recycling to the North American refining industry; **Catalysts** serves the packaging and engineering plastics and the global refining, petrochemical and emissions control industries; **Performance Materials** produces transportation reflective safety markings for roads and airports; and **Performance Chemicals** supplies diverse product end uses, including personal and industrial cleaning products, fuel-efficient tires, surface coatings, and food and beverage products.

We serve over 4,000 customers globally across many end uses and operate over 70 manufacturing facilities which are strategically located across six continents. For more information, see our website at <https://www.pqcorp.com>.

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