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KENNAMETAL INC.

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Shareowner Meeting Notice

The Annual Meeting of Shareowners of Kennametal Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the Quentin C. McKenna Technology Center, located at the Company's Latrobe offices at 1600 Technology Way (on Route 981 South), Latrobe, Unity Township, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) to consider and act upon the following matters:

1. The election of ten directors with terms to expire in 2019;
2. The ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and
3. Non-binding (advisory) vote to approve the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the proxy statement.

Shareowners also will be asked to consider such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed Tuesday, September 4, 2018 as the record date (the "Record Date"). Only shareowners of record at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.

Location of the Kennametal Inc. 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareowners

The location of the Kennametal Inc. 2018 annual meeting is provided in the notice above and is provided in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at www.envisionreports.com/KMT.



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To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by October 19, 2018.