

Dear Investor:

Below are materials relating to the Shareowner Service Plus ProgramSM Newport Corporation. The program is being administered on behalf of Newport Corporation by Wells Fargo Shareowner ServicesSM, a division of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. To comply with the state securities laws and regulations of certain states, the Program materials have been provided to you by Wells Fargo Investments, LLC, a registered broker/dealer (WFI). Please review the following Program brochure.

Sincerely,

Wells Fargo Investments, LLC

Dear Shareowner and Interested Investors:

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services is pleased to announce the Shareowner Service Plus Plan offering the following services to Newport Corporation shareowners of record and other interested investors:

- Purchase shares of Newport Corporation common stock through cash investments made by check or by automatic deductions from a checking or savings account;
- Reinvest dividends on all or a portion of shares registered in a shareowner's name;
- Deposit share certificates for credit to a plan account;
- Purchase additional shares of Newport Corporation common stock for others by making cash investments on their behalf;
- Sell shares held in the plan;
- Obtain certificates for shares held in the plan;
- Telephone transaction privileges.

The Shareowner Service Plus Plan is offered and administered by Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, a registered transfer agent. Please read the following brochure carefully for complete details about the plan features and fees.

Neither Wells Fargo Shareowner Services nor Newport Corporation provides advice or recommendations with respect to purchasing or selling shares of Newport Corporation common stock. Any decision to purchase or sell must be made by each individual based on his or her own research and judgment.

Sincerely,

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services

SHAREOWNER SERVICE PLUS PLAN

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services is pleased to offer an alternative to traditional methods of purchasing, holding and selling Newport Corporation ("Company") common stock through its Shareowner Service Plus Plan ("Plan"). The Service Plus Plan offers a variety of flexible services to aid in managing your investment.

PLAN FEATURES

As a Plan participant, you:

- May systematically increase your holdings of the Company's shares through dividend reinvestment;
- May reinvest dividends on a portion of your shares and receive cash dividends on your remaining shares;

- May purchase additional shares with cash investments for your Plan account either by check or automatic deductions from your checking or savings account;
- May deposit share certificates for credit to your account under the Plan;
- May make withdrawals from the Plan;
- May purchase additional shares of Company common stock for others by making cash investments on their behalf;
- May transfer all or a portion of your Plan shares to a Plan account for another person;
- May sign up for telephone transaction privileges; and
- Will receive statements showing your account transactions and balance.

The Company has appointed Wells Fargo Shareowner Services as processing agent and administrator for the Plan. The Plan is not sponsored or administered by the Company. Securities in the Plan are not subject to protection under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970.

ELIGIBILITY

All shareowners of record may participate in the Plan. If you are a beneficial holder of Newport Corporation common stock whose shares are held in names other than your own (e.g., held by brokers, trustees or bank nominees), you may participate in the Plan by:

- Becoming a shareowner of record, registering the shares you currently hold in your brokerage account into your own name, or
- Enrolling in the Plan in the same manner as a non-shareowner.

If you are not currently a shareowner, you can enroll in the Plan by making an initial cash investment and completing an [authorization form \(PDF\)](#).

ENROLLMENT IN THE PLAN

To become a Plan participant, fill out an [authorization form \(PDF\)](#) and return it to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services. If you are not already a shareowner of record, be sure to include an initial cash investment. Please add an enrollment fee of \$10 to your initial cash investment. If you authorize investments of \$25 or more using the Plan's Automatic Cash Withdrawal and Investment Service, the initial cash investment will be waived and you need only to include a check in the amount of the first optional cash investment which must be at least \$25 plus the \$10 enrollment fee.

TELEPHONE TRANSACTIONS

Participants may establish telephone privileges for their Plan accounts, enabling them to execute certain Plan orders by phone as follows:

- Sell a portion or all of their Plan shares (if current market value of shares to be sold is \$25,000 or less)
- Request a certificate for a portion or all of their full Plan shares
- Change the amount of their Automatic Cash Withdrawal
- Terminate their Automatic Cash Withdrawal
- Change their reinvestment option (example: change from full reinvestment to partial reinvestment)

If you already participate in the Plan and want to establish telephone privileges for your account, please call Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at 1-800-468-9716.

REINVESTMENT OPTIONS

When you enroll in the Plan, you may, on the [authorization form \(PDF\)](#), elect one of the following two reinvestment options:

- Full Dividend Reinvestment
- Partial Dividend Reinvestment

Full Dividend Reinvestment — All cash dividends on shares registered in your name on the records of the Company and all cash dividends on all Plan shares credited to your account under the Plan will be used to purchase additional shares. If you elect Full Dividend Reinvestment, you will not receive cash dividends from the Company. The dividends will be reinvested.

Partial Dividend Reinvestment — All cash dividends on a percentage of your Plan and record shares which shall be specified by you on the [authorization form \(PDF\)](#) will be used to purchase additional shares. You may elect percentages in increments of 10%. If you elect Partial Dividend Reinvestment, you will receive checks from the Company for dividends, when declared and paid, only for those shares not subject to dividend reinvestment. For example, a shareowner has 90 shares registered in his name on the records of the Company and 10 Plan shares. The shareowner specifies 50% of his shares subject to dividend reinvestment. All cash dividends on 50 shares (50% of 100 shares) will be used to purchase additional shares for his account under the Plan. He will receive dividend checks or automatic bank deposits from the Company, when declared and paid, only for the 50 shares not subject to dividend reinvestment. You may change your investment option at any time by sending written notice or if you have authorized telephone transactions for your account, by calling a Wells Fargo Shareowner Services telephone representative toll-free at 1-800-468-9716. Notices received 2 business days prior to a dividend record date will be effective for that dividend. Notices received less than 2 business days prior to a dividend record date will not be effective until after that dividend has been paid.

CASH INVESTMENTS

Initial Cash Investment — If you are not currently a shareowner of record, you may enroll in the Plan by enclosing an initial cash investment of \$250 plus a \$10 enrollment fee along with your completed [authorization form \(PDF\)](#). If you are a shareowner of record, no initial investment or enrollment fee is required.

Optional Cash Investment — You may invest in additional shares of the Company by sending a check or money order payable to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at the address shown [at the end of this brochure](#), along with a transaction form from one of your statements or separate instructions to purchase shares for your account under the Plan. You may invest under this option at any time and as often as you wish in accordance with the Plan provisions. Each cash payment must be at least \$25 up to \$10,000 per transaction. Checks from non-U.S. banks will be subject to collection and applicable fees. Third party checks can not be accepted.

Automatic Cash Withdrawal and Investment Service — Automatic Cash Withdrawal and Investment Service is a convenient method to have money automatically

withdrawn from your checking or savings account and invested in your Plan account, thus eliminating the need to write and mail checks. Once automatic deductions are begun, funds will be withdrawn from your bank account on the 10th of each month, or the next business day if the 10th is not a business day, and will normally be invested within five business days. Participants do not receive any confirmation of the transfer of funds other than as reflected in their Plan account statements and in their bank account statements. To authorize Automatic Investment Withdrawals complete and sign the automatic investment section of the [Plan Authorization Form \(PDF\)](#) and return it to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services together with a voided blank check or deposit slip for the account from which funds are to be transferred. Your Automatic Investment Withdrawals will begin as soon as practicable after Wells Fargo Shareowner Services receives the authorization form.

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$25 and the maximum investment is \$10,000 per transaction.

You can stop the Automatic Cash Withdrawal and Investment Service by writing to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at the [address](#) shown in this brochure, or if you have authorized telephone transactions for your account, by telephoning Wells Fargo Shareowner Services toll-free at 1-800-468-9716. You are under no obligation to make additional cash investments. Funds awaiting purchase do not earn interest.

INVESTMENT DATES

Dividend Reinvestment — Cash dividends are expected to be reinvested on the applicable dividend payment date or, if the dividend payment date is not a business day, the business day next following the dividend payment date.

Cash Investments — Cash payments will be invested promptly, but in no event later than five business days following receipt of the investment (except where deferral is necessary under applicable federal or state laws or regulations).

PRICE OF SHARES

The funds of participants may be pooled by Wells Fargo Shareowner Services for the purpose of purchasing shares. The price per share paid by each participant will be the average price of all shares purchased on an investment date. Your account will be credited with the number of Plan shares purchased for you, in full and fractional shares, computed to three decimal places.

PLAN SHARES AND STOCK CERTIFICATES

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services will hold the Plan shares. Stock certificates will be issued to you upon your request and then will be issued only in your name as the participant and sent to your address of record. Neither the Plan shares in your account nor the account itself may be assigned or used as collateral. Shares held in the Plan are not subject to protection under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970.

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT

As a participant in the Plan you may also send in your stock certificate(s) to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services for credit to your account number under the Plan. There is no charge for depositing stock certificates for credit to your account under the Plan. These shares will be held as Plan shares. Because you bear the risk of loss in sending stock certificates, it is recommended that you use registered mail, insuring your certificates for 2% of their current market value. **Certificates should not be endorsed.**

SHARE TRANSFERS WITHIN PLAN

Plan shares may be transferred to a Plan account of another person subject to compliance with any applicable laws. To do this, participants complete a Plan transaction form and return it to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, together with an executed stock assignment. The signature of the transferring participant on the stock assignment must be **medallion guaranteed** by an eligible financial institution. Stock assignments can be obtained from Wells Fargo Shareowner Services. If the person to whom the shares are transferred is not a participant in the Plan, Wells Fargo Shareowner Services will automatically open an account for the person and enroll them in the Plan.

STATEMENT OF YOUR ACCOUNT

Following each purchase or other transaction involving your account, you will be furnished with a statement that includes:

1. The amount of any investment from:
 1. cash dividends paid on shares registered in your name,
 2. cash dividends paid on full and fractional Plan shares in your account, and
 3. cash investments;
2. The date of the transaction;
3. The number and price per share of any Plan shares purchased for your account;
4. The number and price per share of any Plan shares sold for your account;
5. The number of Plan shares withdrawn from or deposited to your account by you;
6. The fees, if any, and brokerage commission for the transaction;
7. The total number of shares held by you and Plan shares in your account; and
8. A year-to-date summary of transactions in your account.

These statements contain information that is required for tax reporting purposes. Therefore, it is imperative that you keep the statements until Plan shares have been disposed of and all tax obligations have been met. If this information is lost, a written request stating the information required may be sent to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at the [address](#) contained in this brochure. A fee for past account information may be charged.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

All cash dividends, even though reinvested under the Plan, are still treated as income to you for Federal Income Tax purposes for the year in which the dividend was paid. If you are subject to backup withholding or are a foreign shareowner, only the net amount of dividends will be invested under the dividend reinvestment option. Statements will reflect the amount of dividends reinvested and tax withheld.

You will be provided with a year-end statement (IRS Form 1099-DIV) that you will need to complete your personal tax return. The statement will show the amounts of dividends invested for you and any brokerage commissions paid for you, and if appropriate, the amount of tax withheld. Please consult your tax advisor for current tax reporting requirements.

VOTING OF PLAN SHARES

The proxy card sent to you permits you to vote or abstain all shares held by you, including your Plan shares.

STOCK DIVIDEND OR STOCK SPLIT

Any shares distributable to a Plan participant pursuant to a stock dividend or stock split on shares registered in the name of or credited to the account of a Participant under the Plan will be added to the Participant's account.

WITHDRAWAL, SALE OF SHARES, TERMINATION

You may withdraw full Plan shares, direct the sale of full Plan shares, or terminate your participation in the Plan by sending a written notice to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services. If the market value of the Plan shares is equal to or less than \$25,000 and you have authorized telephone transactions for your account, you may sell shares by telephoning Wells Fargo Shareowner Services toll-free at 1-800-468-9716. Requests for sales or terminations will generally be done daily provided there is sufficient volume and the request is received on a business day when the relevant securities market is open. If there is not sufficient volume, sales will be processed at least once per week. Plan shares to be sold may be aggregated with shares of other participants to be sold and the proceeds distributed to each participant based on the average sale price. If you sell or otherwise dispose of all shares registered in your name, dividends on all Plan shares will continue to be reinvested as you have elected unless otherwise notified by you.

Withdrawals — You may withdraw full shares from the Plan and remain in the Plan. Your withdrawal notice to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services should specify the number of full Plan shares to be withdrawn from your account.

Sales — Your notice to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services should specify the number of full Plan shares to be sold.

Termination from the Plan - Your termination notice should specify whether: 1. A stock certificate should be issued to you for all full Plan shares in your account and a check sent for any fractional share; or 2. All Plan shares should be sold and a check sent to you for the proceeds. If no election is made in the request for termination, a stock certificate will be issued for the full shares and a check will be issued for the fractional share. In addition, termination requests of participants making cash investment by automatic withdrawal must be received by Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at least 15 business days prior to the scheduled investment date to ensure that the request is effective as to the next cash investment. Selling participants should be aware that the share price of Newport Corporation common stock may fall or rise during the period between a request for sale, its receipt by Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, and the ultimate sale in the open market. You should evaluate these possibilities while deciding whether and when to sell any shares through the Plan. The price risk will be borne solely by you.

CHANGES IN THE PLAN

The Plan may be amended, modified, changed or terminated, and any shareowner's participation in the Plan may be terminated at any time by giving written notice to the affected participants. If the Plan or your participation in the Plan is terminated, Plan shares in your account will be distributed to you or sold and the proceeds sent to you, as directed by you. If written instructions are not received from you, a stock certificate will be issued for the full shares and a check will be issued for the fractional share.

LIMITED RESPONSIBILITY

Neither the Company nor Wells Fargo Shareowner Services will be liable for any acts done in good faith or for any good faith omissions to act including, without limitation, any claim for liability (1) arising out of the failure to terminate a participant's account upon the death of a participant, prior to receiving written notice of the death, (2) with

respect to the price at which Plan shares are purchased or sold for an account, (3) with respect to the times at which purchases or sales are made, or (4) with respect to fluctuations in the market value of a Plan shares in a participant's account.

Individuals are encouraged to read and understand the provisions of the Plan. All enrollment, investment, and related decisions should be based on your judgment and research. Neither Wells Fargo Shareowner Services nor the Company provide any investment advice or recommendations regarding the shares or participation in the Plan. The terms and conditions of the Plan and its operation shall be governed by Minnesota Law.

FEES

Reinvestment — A reinvestment fee of 2% up to a maximum of \$1.50 of the amount of the dividends reinvested will be assessed on each investment. The fee will be deducted from the amount reinvested.

Cash Investments — A cash investment fee of \$3.00 will be assessed for each cash investment made by check or money order. A cash investment fee of \$1.00 will be assessed for each cash investment made by Automatic Cash Withdrawal and Investment. The cash investment fee will be deducted from the amount invested.

Sales — A sales fee of \$10 plus 10¢ per share brokerage commission will be deducted from the proceeds of any shares including fractional shares sold through the Plan.

Enrollment Fee — Non-shareowners will be assessed a one-time enrollment fee of \$10.00 which will accompany the participant's enrollment form and initial cash investment.

Brokerage Commission — A brokerage commission of 5¢ per share to cover brokerage charges incurred by the Plan will be assessed on all purchases. A brokerage commission of 10¢ per share will be charged on any sales. The brokerage commission fee will be deducted from the amount remitted to the participant upon the sale of shares, as applicable.

WHOM TO CONTACT

Send address changes and general shareowner inquiries to:

Written Request:

Wells Fargo Shareowner ServicesSM

Shareowner Relations Department

P.O. Box 64854

St. Paul, MN 55164-0854

Phone: 1-800-468-9716

Internet: www.wellsfargo.com/com/shareowner_services

Remittance of Optional Cash Investments " Plan Transaction Requests:

Newport Corporation

c/o Investment Plan Services

P.O. Box 64863

St. Paul, MN 55164-0863