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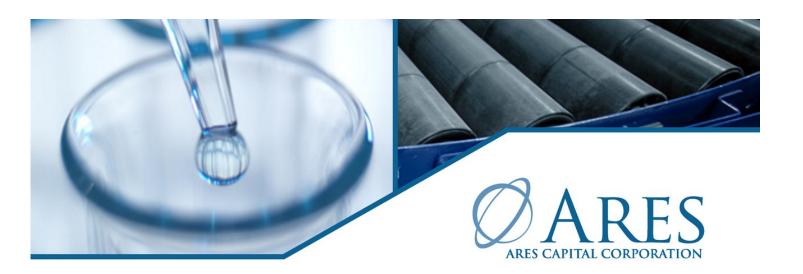
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Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.

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Your vote is needed!

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We are pleased to inform you that we are preparing for our upcoming Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be held on May 19, 2022. Your vote is extremely important to the success of this meeting, no matter how many shares you hold.

Enclosed are the proxy materials. Please review them carefully.

Please respond to the proxy solicitation by voting in favor of each of the proposals described in the proxy materials using any of the methods listed below. Failure to obtain the required votes for all of the proposals may cause the meeting to be adjourned until all voting requirements are met.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE



ONLINE

WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM Please have your proxy card in hand when accessing the website. There are easy-to-follow directions to help you complete the electronic voting instruction form.



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GO VOTE

BE THE VOTE THAT COUNTS.
AUTHORIZE YOUR PROXY TODAY!

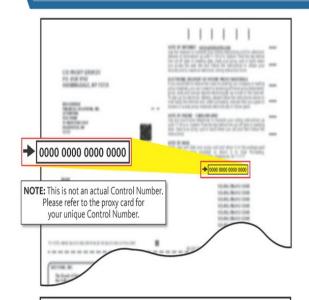
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Your vote is important! Vote your shares today!

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 19, 2022. Whether or not you plan to attend, your vote is very important. You can authorize a proxy to vote your shares by internet, telephone, or mail.

Simply follow the instructions on the enclosed form. For your convenience, we've highlighted where you can find your unique Control Number.



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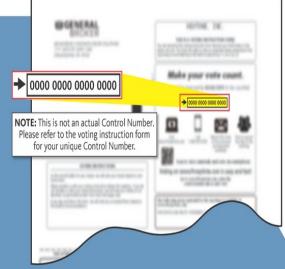
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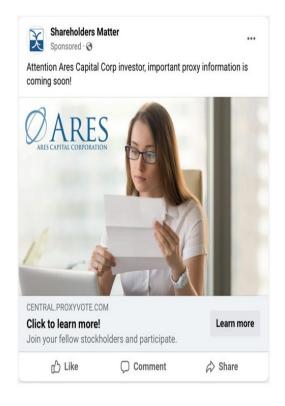
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