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Stephen W. Bergstrom elected as The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE:WMB)'s Chairman of Board



The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE:WMB) announced that Stephen W. Bergstrom has been elected Chairman of the Board, effective immediately. Mr. Bergstrom will replace Dr. Kathleen B. Cooper who will become Chair of the Board's Nominating and Governance Committee. Dr. Cooper has served on the Williams Board since 2006. Mr. Bergstrom joined the Williams Board in August of 2016. He has strong operational skills and a strategic understanding of the energy industry. During his tenure as president and chief executive officer of American Midstream Partners, Mr. Bergstrom led the company through a period of substantial growth while increasing its geographic and operational diversity and enhancing fee-based cash flow.

The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE:WMB) on Friday closed at \$30.20. Stock institutional ownership is 83.40% while insider ownership includes 0.10%. The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE:WMB) distance from 50-day simple moving average (SMA50) is 1.40%.

Analyst's Analysis on The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE:WMB)

The Williams Companies, Inc. mean recommendation is 2.10 (1=Buy, 5=sell). The consensus recommendation by Thomson Reuters analysts is Outperform and their mean rating for the stock is 2.05 on scale of 1-5.

In a joint press release today, Research Frontiers (REFR) licensee Vision Systems, and PPG Industries, Inc. (NYSE:PPG) Aerospace, announced that they have reached a commercial agreement to work together on developing new applications utilizing Vision Systems' electronically dimmable window (EDW) shading solutions for aircraft. These solutions use Research Frontiers SPD-Smart EDW technology and also combine the considerable experience that both PPG Aerospace and Vision Systems have in supplying the aircraft industry with EDW systems. As stated in today's press release, "The agreement provides a framework for PPG and Vision Systems to pursue opportunities in commercial, regional, military and general aviation applications that capitalize on each company's expertise."

PPG Industries, Inc. (NYSE:PPG)'s shares on Friday traded in the range of 105.11 – 107.13 and ended up on \$106.73. PPG Industries, Inc. (NYSE:PPG) distance from 200-day simple moving average (SMA200) is 6.47%. PPG's sales growth for past 5 years was 2.30% and its EPS growth for past 5 years was -4.50%.

What Analysts Say About PPG Industries, Inc. (NYSE:PPG)

Stock has got outperform rating from 8 analysts of Thomson Reuters whereas 8 analysts given hold rating to the stock. PPG Industries, Inc. mean recommendation is 2.20.

On last trading day, **Stein Mart, Inc. (NASDAQ:SMRT)** traded 2.48 Million shares and was closed at \$1.20 per share. Company stock is -86.39% away from its one year high and is moving 19.50% ahead of its one year low. Stock monthly performance is recorded as -52.39% while its performance in last one week is -37.76%. SMRT quarterly performance is -66.29% while firm's price to sale ratio is 0.05 and price to book ratio is 0.78.

Analyst's Analysis on Stein Mart, Inc. (NASDAQ:SMRT)

Stein Mart, Inc. mean recommendation is 3.00 (1=Buy, 5=sell). The consensus recommendation by Thomson Reuters Analysts is Hold for SMRT and their mean rating for the stock is 3.00 on scale of 1-5.

Schlumberger Limited (NYSE:SLB) shares moved to \$71.75 after starting the day at \$71.77 on Friday. The weekly volatility of SLB is 1.44% and monthly volatility is 1.56%. Firm weekly performance is 1.03% while year to date (YTD) performance is -14.01%. Company net profit margin stands at -6.70% whereas its Gross Margin is 12.30%. This year company's Earnings per Share (EPS) growth is -176.50% and next year's estimated EPS growth is 101.94%.

What Analysts Say About Schlumberger Limited (NYSE:SLB)

Stock has got outperform rating from 18 analysts of Thomson Reuters whereas 8 analysts given hold rating to the stock. SLB mean recommendation is 2.00.