Present:
Bal Dixit, Chairman, Newtex Industries  
Brent Saunders, CEO, Bausch & Lomb Incorporated  
Julie Shimer, President and CEO, Welch Allyn  
Robert L. Stevenson, President, Eastman Machine Company  
Carlos Unanue, President, Goya de Puerto Rico, Inc.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York attendees:  
James Bergin  
John Clark  
Christine Cummings  
William Dudley  
Krishna Guha  
Kausar Hamdani  
David Parkinson  
Richard Peach  
Rae Rosen

Ms. Cummings called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m.

1. The National Economy
   Mr. Peach discussed U.S. domestic economic trends in 2012.

2. The International Outlook
   Mr. Clark discussed developments in the Eurozone and trends in emerging markets.

3. Luncheon Discussion
   Mr. Dudley joined the group for the luncheon discussion. Members were asked to comment on general business conditions over the course of 2012 as well as on any affects Superstorm Sandy may have had on their business. Members were also asked to share their expectations for 2013.

   Some members reported relatively strong business performance in 2012, while others reported a decline from 2011. In general, members reported few to no disruptions associated with Superstorm Sandy given their firms’ locations outside of the immediate path of the storm.

   Looking forward to 2013, members’ expectations ranged from slow to moderate growth.
Some members reported plans to hold their U.S. employment steady while others reported possible expansion in the next year. All members generally cited the difficulty of finding skilled employees.

Members reported that they are awaiting the outcome of the “Fiscal Cliff” negotiations but have not generally formulated specific plans in response.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.