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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]  
OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000

HARSCO CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN  
(Full title of the Plan)

HARSCO CORPORATION  
(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the Plan)

Camp Hill, PA 17001-8888  
(Address of principal executive office)

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Financial Statements and Consent of Independent Accountants

(a) Financial Statements

The financial statements filed as part of this report are listed in the  
Index to Financial Statements included herein.

(b) Consent of Independent Accountants

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Participants and the Plan Administrative Committee of  
the Harsco Corporation Savings Plan:

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Harsco Corporation Savings Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2000 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets held for investment purposes and reportable transactions are presented for the

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purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 20, 2001

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HARSCO CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

(dollars in thousands)

December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999

Assets	December 31 2000 -----	December 31 1999 -----
Investments, at fair value:		
Participant directed	\$159,247	\$182,241
Non-participant directed	25,888 -----	31,091 -----
Total investments	185,135 -----	213,332 -----
Contributions Receivable:		
Employer's	86	48
Participants'	374 -----	215 -----
Total receivables	460 -----	263 -----
Net assets available for benefits	\$185,595 =====	\$213,595 =====

The accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements.

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HARSCO CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

(dollars in thousands)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2000

Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:

Investment income (loss)

Net depreciation in the fair value of investments	\$ (40,264)
Dividends	10,338
Interest - collective investment fund	774
Interest - participant loans	797
	-----
	(28,355)

Contributions:

Employer's	4,341
Participants'	15,520
	-----
Total additions (reductions)	(8,494)

Deductions:

Withdrawals	(19,506)
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Net increase/(decrease)	(28,000)

Net assets available for benefits:

December 31, 1999	213,595
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December 31, 2000	\$ 185,595
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. General Description of Plan:

The following description of the Harsco Corporation Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan designed to comply with the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and with the requirements for qualification under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

All employees (including officers) who receive a stated weekly, hourly, monthly, or annual rate of compensation and are employed by Harsco Corporation (the "Company") or any subsidiary of either the Company or a subsidiary which adopts this Plan with the approval of the Company shall be covered by, or remain covered by this Plan, are deemed ("Eligible Employees"). Also eligible are employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement where the agreement provides for the employees' eligibility to participate in the Plan. New employees deemed Eligible Employees under this Plan are eligible to participate in the Plan as of the first payroll of January, April, July or October after the date of hire.

To participate in the Plan, an Eligible Employee must elect to contribute to the Plan through payroll deductions each pay period. Contributions are in whole percentages from 1% to 16% of compensation received for services as an employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company. The participant shall designate what percentage of such contributions will be "Pre-Tax Contributions" and what percentage will be "After-Tax Contributions." A participant who makes Matched Pre-Tax and/or Matched After-Tax Contributions in an aggregate amount of 6% of his or her compensation may also elect to contribute from 1% to 10% of his or her compensation as an Unmatched Pre-Tax and/or Unmatched After-Tax Contribution. In no event during the year may (a) Matched Pre-Tax and Matched After-Tax Contributions exceed 6% of compensation, (b) Unmatched Pre-Tax and Unmatched After-Tax Contribution exceed 10% of compensation or (c) Pre-Tax Contributions exceed the amount specified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code which was \$10,500 and \$10,000 for the year ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. Pre-Tax Contributions shall constitute a reduction in the participant's taxable income for purposes of Section 401(k) of the Code. After-Tax Contributions will be considered to be the participant's contributions to the Plan and shall not constitute a reduction in the participant's taxable income for the purposes of Section 401(k) of the Code.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

### 1. General Description of Plan: (Continued)

Pursuant to the Plan, the Company will make contributions in cash to the Trustee for the account of each participant in an amount equal to 50% of

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the first 6% of such participant's compensation designated as Matched Pre-Tax Contributions and/or Matched After-Tax Contributions. These contributions are referred to as "Company Matching Contributions".

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's Matching Accounts is based on years of vesting service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

The Company pays all administrative fees related to maintaining the Plan as a whole. Fees for investment management are subtracted from fund performance reported by each fund. Participant directed investment fund change fees and Plan record keeping fees are paid by the Company. Loan setup fees are paid by the participant.

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of 50% of their vested account balance, not to exceed \$50,000. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the respective investment fund(s) from (to) the Participant Loans fund. The participant may choose the loan repayment period, not to exceed five years. However, the term may be for any period not to exceed 15 years if the purpose of the loan is to acquire the participant's principal residence. The loans are collateralized only by the portion of the participant's Account from which the loan is made and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined periodically by the Plan administrator. Interest rates on outstanding loans, based on the Trustee's prime rate plus one percent, ranged from 7.25% to 10.5% at December 31, 2000. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect one of three options. The participant or beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account; a portion paid in a lump-sum, and the remainder paid later; or annual installments over not more than fifteen years. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

While the Company has not expressed any intent to discontinue the Plan, it reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time or discontinue contributions thereunder. In the event such discontinuance resulted in the termination of the Plan, the accounts of each affected employee who has not yet incurred a break in service shall be fully vested. Complete distributions or withdrawals would be distributed to Plan participants and beneficiaries in proportion to their respective account balances.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

##### Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

##### Investment Valuation:

The Harsco Corporation Common Stock is stated at market value, which

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represents the closing price of the stock on the Composite Reporting Tape of the stock exchanges on the last day of trading of the calendar year. Shares in the Vanguard Index Trust 500 Portfolio, Putnam Fund for Growth and Income, Putnam Income Fund, Putnam Voyager Fund, Putnam New Opportunities Fund, Putnam Asset Allocation Growth - Portfolio, Putnam Asset Allocation - Balanced Portfolio, Putnam Asset Allocation - Conservative Portfolio, Putnam International Growth Fund, and Putnam Money Market Fund, are all stated at fair value, which represents the closing price on the last day of trading of the calendar year. Cash, which represents funds held until purchases of common stock are completed, is stated at fair value. Participant loans are valued at cost which approximates fair value.

### Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Other:

The Plan presents in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits the net appreciation (depreciation) in the market value of its investments which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments.

The purchase and sale of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income from other investments is recorded as earned on an accrual basis.

Both participant and Company contributions are accrued in the period of the related payroll deductions. Forfeitures, a result of participant withdrawals prior to their full vesting in the Plan, are used to reduce the amount of future Company matching contributions.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

#### 3. Investment Options:

The Plan, comprised of participant and Company contributions, contains the following investment options:

- (1) Harsco Common Stock Fund - (consisting of Common Stock purchased with Company and participant directed contributions): a fund consisting of Common Stock of Harsco Corporation purchased in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions to the extent permitted by rules of the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (2) Vanguard Index Trust 500 Portfolio - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting of investments in the same stocks and in substantially the same percentages as the S&P 500 Index.

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- (3) Putnam Fund for Growth and Income - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting primarily of common stocks located mainly in the United States that offer potential for capital growth, current income, or both.
- (4) Putnam Income Fund - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting principally of investments in bonds and other debt securities. Bonds include both corporate and government bonds.
- (5) Putnam Voyager Fund - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting mainly of investments in stock of midsized to large companies expected to grow over time. The fund invests all or a portion of its assets in companies located mainly inside the United States.
- (6) Putnam New Opportunities Fund - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting primarily of investments in common stock of companies within certain industry groups that Putnam management believes offer above-average long-term growth potential.
- (7) Putnam Asset Allocation : Growth Portfolio - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting of 55 - 85% investments in stock that Putnam Management believes have the potential for capital appreciation and consisting of 15 - 45% investments in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities, including both government and corporate bonds.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

#### 3. Investment Options (continued):

- (8) Putnam Asset Allocation - Balanced Portfolio - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting of 45 - 75% investments in stocks and 25 - 55% investments in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities, including both government and corporate bonds.
- (9) Putnam Asset Allocation : Conservative Portfolio - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting of 0 - 30% investments in stocks and 70 - 100% investments in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities, including both government and corporate bonds.
- (10) Putnam International Growth Fund - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a growth oriented fund consisting of investments in a diversified portfolio of stocks of companies located mainly outside the United States.
- (11) Putnam Money Market Fund - (consisting of investments purchased with participant directed contributions): a fund consisting of short-term high-quality money market securities. Investments in this fund are neither insured nor guaranteed by the U.S. government.



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The Plan provides for various investment options as described above. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for plan benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits.

There were 6,513 participants at December 31, 2000 who participated in one or more of the eleven investment funds. At December 31, 2000 the number of participants selecting each of the investment funds for their contributions was as follows:

Harsco Corporation Common Stock Fund .....	6,268
Vanguard Index Trust 500 Portfolio .....	3,428
Putnam Fund for Growth and Income .....	1,198
Putnam Income Fund .....	666
Putnam Voyager Fund .....	2,900
Putnam New Opportunities Fund .....	2,731
Putnam Asset Allocation - Growth Portfolio .....	785
Putnam Asset Allocation - Balanced Portfolio ...	1,268
Putnam Asset Allocation - Conservative Portfolio	366
Putnam International Growth Fund .....	1,647
Putnam Money Market Fund .....	2,090

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

#### 3. Investment Options (continued):

The following table separately identifies those investments which represents 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31, 2000 with comparable information for 1999:

(in thousands)	December 31 2000 -----	December 31 1999 -----
Harsco Corporation Common Stock (1)	\$ 65,027	\$ 78,441
Vanguard Index Trust 500 Portfolio	28,126	32,954
Putnam Voyager Fund	26,676	32,467
Putnam New Opportunities Fund	16,663	19,222
Putnam Money Market Fund	13,493	14,156

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Participant loans	9,532	9,365
Other	25,618	26,727
	-----	-----
	\$185,135	\$213,332
	=====	=====

(1) Harsco Corporation Common Stock includes \$25,888 at December 31, 2000 and \$31,091 at December 31, 1999 that is non-participant directed.

The following table summarizes the change in the non-participant directed portion of the Harsco Corporation Common Stock Fund:

Balance at January 1, 2000	\$ 31,091
Net depreciation in fair value	(7,327)
Dividends	946
Contributions (net of forfeitures)	3,670
Termination payments	(1,513)
Transfers to participant directed investments	(979)
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Balance at December 31, 2000	\$ 25,888
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued

4. Related-Party Transactions:

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Putnam Investments. Putnam Investments is the trustee as defined by the Plan, and therefore, transactions in these funds qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Transactions in the Harsco Stock Fund also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

5. Federal Income Taxes:

The Company received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service on December 26, 2000, that the Plan, as amended January 6, 1999, is a qualified plan under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and is therefore exempt from Federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(a). The determination also applies to the plan amendment that went into effect February 21, 2001.

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LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES  
FORM 5500

December 31, 2000  
(dollars in thousands)

(a) Party In Interest -----	Shares or Units -----	(b) & (c) Identity of Issue and Description of Investment -----	(d) Cost -----	Cur Va -----
		Common Stock:		
*	2,633,983	Harsco Corp. Common Stock, par value \$1.25	\$53,370	\$65
	N/A	Participant Loans (1)	9,532	9
		Mutual Funds:		
	230,808	Vanguard Index Trust 500 Portfolio	25,525	28
*	220,778	Putnam Fund for Growth and Income	4,444	4
*	325,662	Putnam Income Fund	2,203	2
*	1,144,908	Putnam Voyager Fund	27,278	26
*	284,261	Putnam New Opportunities Fund	19,549	16
*	243,276	Putnam Asset Allocation-Growth Portfolio	3,256	2
*	790,443	Putnam Asset Allocation-Balanced Portfolio	9,524	8
*	135,178	Putnam Asset Allocation-Conservative Portfolio	1,395	1
*	272,840	Putnam International Growth Fund	6,238	6
*	13,493,047	Putnam Money Market Fund	13,493	13
		Total Mutual Funds	112,905	110
	N/A	Cash	14	
		Total Assets Held for Investment Purposes	\$175,821	\$185

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(1) Participant Loans range up to fifteen years to maturity and interest rates on these loans ranged from 7.25% to 10.5%.

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LINE 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE (5%) TRANSACTIONS  
FORM 5500

For the year ended December 31, 2000  
(dollars in thousands)

(a)	(b)			(c), (d)	(e)
Identity of party involved -----	Description of Asset -----	Total Number of Purchases (P) and/or Sales (S) -----		Total Dollar Value of Purchases and/or Sales -----	Lease Rental -----
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Harsco Common Stock Fund	(P)	747	\$17,343	-
		(S)	1,126	13,714	-
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Vanguard S&P Index Fund	(P)	539	6,050	-
		(S)	787	7,739	-
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Putnam Voyager Fund	(P)	561	8,716	-
		(S)	746	6,323	-
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Putnam New Opportunities Fund	(P)	614	15,806	-
		(S)	733	10,012	-
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Putnam Money Market Fund	(P)	787	12,878	-
		(S)	736	13,541	-
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Loan Fund	(P)	441	5,864	-
		(S)	352	5,697	-

(a)	(b)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Identity of party involved -----	Description of Asset -----	Expenses -----	Cost of Asset -----	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date -----	Net Gain (Loss) -----

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Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Harsco Common Stock Fund	- -	\$17,343 11,577	\$17,343 13,714	\$ 2,13
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Vanguard S&P Index Fund	- -	6,050 6,702	6,050 7,739	1,03
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Putnam Voyager Fund	- -	8,716 5,230	8,716 6,323	1,09
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Putnam New Opportunities Fund	- -	15,806 9,048	15,806 10,012	96
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Putnam Money Market Fund	- -	12,878 13,541	12,878 13,541	
Harsco Corporation, plan sponsor	Loan Fund	- -	5,864 5,697	5,864 5,697	

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrative Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HARSCO CORPORATION SAVINGS PLAN

BY /S/P. C. Coppock  
-----  
P. C. Coppock  
Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative  
Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

June 26, 2001

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Post Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 33-5300) of Harsco Corporation of our report dated June 20, 2001 relating to the financial statements of the Harsco Corporation Savings Plan, which appears in this Form 11-K.

/S/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 26, 2001

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