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[The following is the text of information to be posted by management in the Company's internal email newsletter, the Weekly Digest, and on the Company's intranet site, RJnet, on January 19, 2010 to encourage employee shareholders to cast their votes]

Weekly Digest email:

RJF Shareholders: Vote

A recent NYSE rule change means it's more important than ever that you vote when you receive your RJF proxy materials, which were mailed last week. See what's on the ballot and how you can participate.

RJnet posting:

RJF Shareholders: Vote

The proxy materials for the February 18 Raymond James Financial Annual Meeting of Shareholders are currently being distributed.

Among the items to be voted on by shareholders – including all associates who are participants in the firm's Employee Stock Ownership Plan – are:

- The election of 10 nominees to our Board of Directors.
- Ratification of the appointment by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.
 - Re-approval of the Senior Management Incentive Plan for our executive officers.

We Need Your Vote

As shareholders, associates are always encouraged to review the proxy materials and vote their shares. However, this year, your action is especially important because of a change to a New York Stock Exchange rule. While broker/dealers may sometimes vote shares without specific instructions from their customers for shares held in their customers' accounts, the new rule does not allow this action for the election of directors, one item on the RJF agenda this year.

How to Vote

All shareholders will receive proxy materials in the mail in the coming days. Your proxy card explains how you can vote online or by telephone in addition to returning the card by mail. You will need your proxy card to vote, as it contains important share-specific information.

Please exercise your shareholder rights by voting promptly on all matters for presentation at the annual meeting on February 18. Your vote is important, no matter the size of your holdings.

More Information

The full proxy statement is available at raymondjames.com under "About Our Company – Investor Relations – Shareholders' Meeting."