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INTEGRATION TEAM NOTES

From: MARIE DREHER, MYRA PERKINSON, GUS WILLIAMSON Date: May 24, 2004  
Subject: UPDATE ON INTEGRATION PLANNING Location: Hunt Valley  
To: ALL EMPLOYEES  
cc:

This communication is to update you on the Integration Team's progress on developing organizational designs for the integration of Millennium into Lyondell following the closing of the proposed transaction.

The Integration Team has almost completed its review of proposed organizational structures - defining roles and reporting relationships - for each functional group. It will finalize its recommendations next week, after which the designs will be shared with the Millennium Executive Team. Following final approval of the planned organizational structures by the Lyondell Officer Group, an organizational review will determine which positions and employees will actually be impacted by the integration.

As we have stated since integration planning first began, we expect that most employees will not be affected. However, the organizational review process will identify redundant positions or those to be modified or moved to Houston and, as a result, which employees are expected to be impacted.

As a reminder, no business structure or employee function changes will be implemented prior to the closing and the planned organizational structures are subject to change. However, we recognize employee concerns surrounding the integration and will move as swiftly as possible to notify individual employees of what their status is expected to be post-closing.

The following is a timetable outlining when we expect this work to be completed:

WEEK OF MAY 18TH

- o Preliminary organizational structure plans developed (DONE)
- o All functions reporting directly to the TiO2 General Manager position, and all functions that will provide various services to the TiO2business determined (DONE)

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WEEK OF JUNE 1ST

- o The proposed leaders of each function (following the closing of the transaction), along with HR representatives, will identify employees whose status is expected to change. Others who may be involved include Lyondell or Millennium management for that function, as appropriate.

- o A list of unassigned employees will be reviewed by the Integration Team members to evaluate a possible fit for open positions within Lyondell and Equistar, or new positions within Millennium.

JUNE 15 - JUNE 30

- o We will publish the planned post-closing top management structure.

- o Employees who are not expected to have roles in the organization post-closing will be notified individually, including an estimate of last work day.

- o Through individual dialogue, leaders in each function will begin sharing additional organizational information with employees who are expected to have a role in the organization post-closing. Employees with positions that are eligible for relocation benefits will receive relevant policy information.

While the Integration Team is working diligently to meet this schedule, actual dates may be earlier or later than shown. Complete organizational charts will not be available until the closing of the proposed transaction.

If you have questions, please ask any member of the Integration Team.

These materials contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the proposed transaction between Lyondell and Millennium, including financial and operating results, Lyondell's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of Lyondell's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could affect the proposed transaction and the anticipated results: approval by Lyondell's and Millennium's respective shareholders, amendments to Lyondell's and Millennium's respective credit facilities, the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, the receipt of other competition law clearances and the parties' ability to achieve expected synergies in the transaction within the expected timeframes or at all. Additional factors that could cause Millennium's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Exhibit 99.1 to Millennium's Amendment No. 1 to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, which was filed with the SEC on April 27, 2004 (the "Amended Millennium 10-K"), and Lyondell's registration statement containing a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus, which was filed with the SEC on April 26, 2004.

In addition, in connection with the proposed transaction Lyondell and Millennium have filed relevant materials with the SEC, including Lyondell's registration statement containing a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus, which was filed on April 26, 2004. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to holders of Lyondell's and Millennium's common stock when it becomes available. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PRELIMINARY JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS ON FILE WITH THE SEC, THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT

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The respective executive officers and directors of Lyondell and Millennium and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Lyondell's executive officers and directors is available in its proxy statement filed with the SEC by Lyondell on March 16, 2004, and information regarding Millennium's directors and its executive officers is available in the Amended Millennium 10-K. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC and will be contained in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC.