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A registration statement relating to the securities offered in the exchange offers has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") but has not yet become effective. The securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. The exchange offers and consent solicitations (as described below) are being made to holders of old notes (as set forth in the table below entitled "Series of Old Notes") solely upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 dated April 27, 2009, which includes a combined prospectus and proxy statement and information in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the tender offer rules of the SEC, and the related letter of transmittal (or form of electronic instruction notice, in the case of old notes held through Euroclear or Clearstream), as each may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "Prospectus Documents"). GM strongly encourages you to carefully read the Prospectus Documents, together with the Schedule TO relating to the exchange offers (including all amendments and supplements thereto), that have been filed (or will be filed) with the SEC, because they contain important information. Noteholders can access free copies of the Prospectus Documents and the Schedule TO at the SEC's website (at www.sec.gov), and at GM's website (at http://www.gm.com/corporate/investor_information). Any requests for paper copies of the Prospectus Documents and/or the Schedule TO should be directed to the Solicitation and Information Agent whose contact information is set forth at the end of this notice. GM and its directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies with respect to the consent solicitations. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees in the consent solicitations will be included in the documents described above. Additional information, including information regarding GM's directors and executive officers, is available in GM's Annual Report on Form 10-K, which was filed with the SEC on March 5, 2009 and can be obtained without charge at www.sec.gov. The exchange offers and consent solicitations are not being made to (nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of) holders of old notes in any jurisdiction where the offers or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities or other laws of such jurisdiction.

\$27,200,760,650

Exchange Offers and Consent Solicitations

for any and all of the Outstanding Series of Old Notes set forth below

EACH OF THE EXCHANGE OFFERS (AS DEFINED BELOW) WILL EXPIRE AT 11:59 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON MAY 26, 2009, UNLESS EXTENDED BY GM (SUCH DATE AND TIME, AS THE SAME MAY BE EXTENDED, THE "EXPIRATION DATE"). WITH RESPECT TO ANY SERIES OF OLD NOTES (AS DEFINED BELOW), TENDERS MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN AFTER 11:59 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON MAY 26, 2009 (SUCH DATE AND TIME, AS THE SAME MAY BE EXTENDED, THE "WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE"), EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES AS SET FORTH IN THE PROSPECTUS DOCUMENTS.

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Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Prospectus Documents, General Motors Corporation (“GM”) is offering to exchange (the “exchange offers”) 225 shares of GM common stock for each 1,000 U.S. dollar equivalent of principal amount (or accreted value as of the settlement date, if applicable) of outstanding notes of each series set forth in the table below (the “old notes”), resulting in an aggregate offer of up to approximately 6.1 billion new shares of GM common stock, assuming full participation in the exchange offers. In respect of the exchange offers for the old GM Nova Scotia notes (as set forth in the table below), General Motors Nova Scotia Finance Company (“GM Nova Scotia”) is jointly making the exchange offers with GM. In addition, (a) GM will pay, in cash, accrued interest on the old notes issued by it, other than the 7.75% discount debentures due March 15, 2036 of GM and (b) GM Nova Scotia will pay, in cash, accrued interest on the old notes issued by it, in each case, from and including the most recent interest payment date to but not including the settlement date.

Concurrently with the exchange offers, GM is soliciting consents (the “consent solicitations”) from the holders of old notes to amend (the “proposed amendments”) the terms of the debt instruments that govern each series of old notes. Under these proposed amendments (a) the material covenants and events of default other than the obligation to pay principal and interest on the old notes would be removed and (b) an early call option would be added in each series of Euro-denominated GM old notes and old GM Nova Scotia notes (as set forth in the table below, the “non-USD old notes”), which GM would exercise to redeem any non-tendered non-USD old notes for the exchange consideration offered pursuant to the exchange offers (i.e., 225 shares of GM common stock per 1,000 U.S. dollar equivalent of principal amount of non-USD old notes). Except for holders who tender non-USD old notes prior to the date on which the Registration Statement on Form S-4 related to the exchange offers is declared effective, holders may not tender their old notes pursuant to the exchange offers without delivering consents to the proposed amendments, and holders may not deliver consents to the proposed amendments pursuant to the consent solicitations without tendering their old notes.

| <u>CUSIP /</u> | <u>SERIES OF OLD NOTES</u> | <u>Outstanding</u> |
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| <u>ISIN</u> | <u>Issue</u> | <u>Principal Amount</u> |
| <u>US Dollar-Denominated GM Old Notes</u> | | |
| 370442691 | 1.50% Series D Convertible Senior Debentures due June 1 2009 | \$1,001,600,875 |
| 370442BB0 | 7.20% Notes due January 15, 2011 | \$1,500,000,000 |
| 37045EAS7 | 9.45% Medium-Term Notes due November 1, 2011 | \$48,175,000 |
| 370442BS3 | 7.125% Senior Notes due July 15, 2013 | \$1,000,000,000 |

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| 370442AU9 | 7.70% Debentures due April 15, 2016 | \$500,000,000 |
| 370442AJ4 | 8.80% Notes due March 1, 2021 | \$524,795,000 |
| 37045EAG3 | 9.4% Medium-Term Notes due July 15, 2021 | \$15,000,000 |
| 370442AN5 | 9.40% Debentures due July 15, 2021 | \$299,795,000 |
| 370442BW4 | 8.25% Senior Debentures due July 15, 2023 | \$1,250,000,000 |
| 370442AV7 | 8.10% Debentures due June 15, 2024 | \$400,000,000 |
| 370442AR6 | 7.40% Debentures due September 1, 2025 | \$500,000,000 |
| 370442AZ8 | 6¾% Debentures due May 1, 2028 | \$600,000,000 |
| 370442741 | 4.50% Series A Convertible Senior Debentures due March 6, 2032 | \$39,422,775 |
| 370442733 | 5.25% Series B Convertible Senior Debentures due March 6, 2032 | \$2,600,000,000 |
| 370442717 | 6.25% Series C Convertible Senior Debentures due July 15, 2033 | \$4,300,000,000 |
| 370442BT1 | 8.375% Senior Debentures due July 15, 2033 | \$3,000,000,000 |
| 370442AT2 | 7.75% Discount Debentures due March 15, 2036 | \$377,377,000 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 370442816 | 7.25% Quarterly Interest Bonds due April 15, 2041 | \$575,000,000 |
| 370442774 | 7.25% Senior Notes due July 15, 2041 | \$718,750,000 |
| 370442121 | 7.5% Senior Notes due July 1, 2044 | \$720,000,000 |
| 370442725 | 7.375% Senior Notes due May 15, 2048 | \$1,115,000,000 |
| 370442BQ7 | 7.375% Senior Notes due May 23, 2048 | \$425,000,000 |
| 370442766 | 7.375% Senior Notes due October 1, 2051 | \$690,000,000 |
| 370442758 | 7.25% Senior Notes due February 15, 2052 | \$875,000,000 |

Euro-Denominated GM Old Notes

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| XS0171942757 | 7.25% Notes due July 3, 2013 | €1,000,000,000 |
| XS0171943649 | 8.375% Notes due July 5, 2033 | €1,500,000,000 |

Old GM Nova Scotia Notes

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| XS0171922643 | 8.375% Guaranteed Notes due December 7, 2015 | £350,000,000 |
| XS0171908063 | 8.875% Guaranteed Notes due July 10, 2023 | £250,000,000 |

(1) Represents the principal amount at maturity.

In the event GM does not receive prior to June 1, 2009 enough tenders of old notes, including the Series D Convertible Senior Debentures due June 1 2009 (the “old Series D notes”), to consummate the exchange offers, GM currently expects to seek relief under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This relief may include (i) seeking bankruptcy court approval for the sale of most or substantially all of GM’s assets pursuant to section 363(b) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code to a new operating company, and a subsequent liquidation of the remaining assets in the bankruptcy case; (ii) pursuing a plan of reorganization (where votes for the plan are solicited from certain classes of creditors prior to a bankruptcy filing) that GM would seek to confirm (or “cram down”) despite the deemed rejection of the plan by noteholders; or (c) seeking another form of bankruptcy relief, all of which involve uncertainties, potential delays and litigation risks. GM is considering these alternatives in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the “U.S. Treasury”), GM’s largest lender.

If GM seeks bankruptcy relief, holders of old notes may receive consideration that is less than what is being offered in the exchange offers, and it is possible that such holders may receive no consideration at all for their old notes.

The exchange offers are conditioned on, among other things, the requirement (the “U.S. Treasury Condition”) that the results of the exchange offers shall be satisfactory to the U.S. Treasury, including in respect of the overall level of participation by holders in the exchange offers and in respect of the level of participation by holders of the old Series D notes in the exchange offers. GM currently believes, and GM’s plan to achieve and sustain its long-term viability, international competitiveness and energy efficiency assumes, that at least 90% of the aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of discount notes, accreted value) of the outstanding old notes (including at least 90% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding old Series D notes) will need to be tendered in the exchange offers or

called for redemption pursuant to the call option (in the case of non-USD old notes) in order for the exchange offers to satisfy the U.S. Treasury Condition. Whether this level of participation in the exchange offers will be required (or sufficient) to satisfy the U.S. Treasury Condition will ultimately be determined by the U.S. Treasury. The actual level of participation in the exchange offers may be different than what GM has assumed, and this difference may be material.

GM has not reached any agreement with respect to any of the conditions to the exchange offers and there is no assurance that any agreement will be reached on the terms described in the Prospectus Documents. The aggregate amount of GM common stock to be issued to the U.S. Treasury (or its designee) pursuant to the U.S. Treasury Debt Conversion (as defined in the Prospectus Documents) and to the New VEBA (as defined in the Prospectus Documents) pursuant to the VEBA Modifications (as defined in the Prospectus Documents) will be approximately 54.4 billion shares, which would represent approximately 89% of the pro forma outstanding GM common stock (assuming full participation in the exchange offers), with the final allocation between the U.S. Treasury (or its designee) and the New VEBA to be determined in the future. It is a condition to the exchange offers that the aggregate number of shares of GM common stock issued or agreed to be issued pursuant to the U.S. Treasury Debt Conversion and the VEBA Modifications shall not exceed 89% of the pro forma outstanding GM common stock (assuming full participation by holders of old notes in the exchange offers). As a further condition to closing the exchange offers, the U.S. Treasury (or its designee) will hold at least 50% of the aggregate amount of pro forma outstanding GM common stock. Of the remaining pro forma outstanding GM common stock (assuming full participation in the exchange offers), noteholders would represent approximately 10%, and existing GM common stockholders would represent approximately 1%. GM determined the foregoing GM common stock allocations following discussions with the U.S. Treasury where the U.S. Treasury indicated that it would not be supportive of higher allocations to the holders of old notes or to existing GM common stockholders.

You must make your own investment decision as to whether to exchange any old notes pursuant to the exchange offers and grant your consent to the proposed amendments that are the subject of the consent solicitations. None of GM, its subsidiaries (including GM Nova Scotia), their respective boards of directors, the Dealer Managers, the Solicitation and Information Agent, the Settlement and Escrow Agent, the Luxembourg Exchange Agent, the Exchange Agent or the Tabulation Agent (each as defined in the Prospectus Documents), or such parties' agents, advisors or counsel, has made, or will make, any recommendation as to whether holders should exchange their old notes and grant their consent to the proposed amendments. Each holder of old notes is solely responsible for making its own independent appraisal of all matters relating to the exchange offers and consent solicitations as such holder deems appropriate in determining, and each holder of old notes must make its own decision as to whether to tender its old notes for exchange and, if so, the aggregate principal amount of old notes to tender for exchange.

The securities being offered in exchange for the old notes are being offered and will be issued outside the United States only to holders who are "non-U.S. qualified offerees" (as defined in the Prospectus Documents). Offers to holders in the United Kingdom, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland will be made only pursuant to a separate prospectus approved by the United Kingdom Listing Authority as competent authority under EU Directive 2003/71/EC (the "EU Approved Prospectus"), which will incorporate the Prospectus Documents and will indicate on the front cover thereof that it can be used for such offers. Holders outside of these jurisdictions (and the United States) are authorized to participate in the exchange offers and consent solicitations, as described in the "Non-U.S. Offer Restrictions" section of the Prospectus Documents. Holders outside of the above jurisdictions (and the United States and Canada) are only authorized to receive the EU Approved Prospectus. Holders in Canada are only authorized to receive and review a separate Canadian offering memorandum prepared in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws. The exchange offers in Italy are subject to clearance by CONSOB pursuant to Article 102 onwards of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998. Therefore, the exchange offer period in Italy will only commence following such clearance.

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Questions, requests for assistance and request for copies of the Prospectus Documents may be directed

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This document contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on the current expectations and assumptions of GM management, and as such involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those now anticipated – both in connection with the proposed exchange offers and consent solicitations, and GM’s business and financial prospects -- including (without limitation) those set forth in the Prospectus Documents filed with the SEC as part of GM’s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (as amended and supplemented). To better understand these risks and uncertainties, holders of old notes and other readers are encouraged to read carefully the Prospectus Documents (as amended or supplemented), GM’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, which was filed with the SEC on March 5, 2009, and GM’s other SEC filings, all of which can be accessed free of charge at the websites of the SEC (www.sec.gov) and GM (at http://www.gm.com/corporate/investor_information).