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Lincoln Financial and Jefferson Pilot

Merger of Equals

Combining forces for growth

Today's merger announcement provides compelling opportunities for growing our combined organization.

We are joining forces with [Lincoln Financial/Jefferson Pilot] to build a larger, more dynamic organization – an even more powerful leader in the insurance and financial services industry.

The merged company will operate under the **Lincoln Financial Group** brand name and strengthen the company's position as one of the largest public life insurance and annuity companies in the U.S.

The merger of equals creates a powerful distribution network for financial products with market-leading positions in each of its businesses.

Integration timeline

While this week's news is exciting, the merger announcement is just the beginning of a long process of planning for integration in 2006. This means we don't have all the answers today. Many questions will need to be resolved over the next 6 months before integration.

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We will continue to operate as two independent companies until the close of the transaction. The closing is expected at the end of the first quarter in 2006.

After certain regulatory permissions are granted, there will be periodic organizational announcements in preparation for integration in 2006, but we cannot integrate operations until after the closing. The combined management team is committed to a thoughtful and timely review of the organization followed by frequent communication.

You will receive regular communication about the merger throughout the process. I will highlight a few of the compelling opportunities for growth today. I encourage you to read the press release, fact sheet and other communications you will receive for more details.

Strategic Rationale

The merger is an ideal strategic fit in many ways. By combining forces, we expand and enhance each other's product and distribution capabilities. We will diversify our earnings and substantially increase the scale of our operations. This merger will create significant value for employees and shareholders over the long term through both revenue-enhancing activities and greater efficiency.

Broader product portfolio

The combined organization's earnings mix will be dominated by stable life insurance earnings and equity-driven earnings – a powerful combination for stability and growth.

Lincoln Financial's strengths in life, variable annuities, asset management, 401(k) & 403(b) are combined with Jefferson Pilot's strengths in life & fixed annuities, equity indexed annuities, group life & disability.

Jefferson Pilot also owns a communications company that operates TV and radio stations.

Highlights of our combined product leadership include:

#5 in total Life sales

#1 in UL

#5 in VA

#6 in VUL

#8 in equity indexed annuity

#14 in fixed annuity

#6 in employer sponsored (DC/retirement plan assets)

#8 in group disability

#15 mutual fund family in 2004 (Delaware InvestmentsSM)

Powerful distribution organization with greater penetration

Based on the breadth and depth of the distribution channels we serve, we will be among the most powerful insurance and financial services organizations in the industry. Our strategic partner focus will enable us to continue deepening our relationships in intermediary firms and take market share away from competitors.

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We will have a multi-channel distribution platform comprised of financial planning, general agency, and wholesale distribution organizations. Both companies benefit from greater geographic diversity.

Lincoln Financial has wholesaling strengths among wirehouses, regional broker-dealers, and financial planners.

Jefferson Pilot has wholesaling strengths among independent marketing organizations, PPGAs, and banks.

Both companies have employer-sponsored channels that include executive benefits, COLI, and group insurance.

Integration highlights

The merger will create a new organizational structure for Lincoln Financial Group, which will continue to be headquartered in Philadelphia. The combined company will draw on senior management talent from both organizations, so there will be management continuity in key roles.

Jon Boscia will be **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**.

Dennis Glass will be **President and Chief Operating Officer**.

We will organize our life insurance and annuity operations to serve distinct *individual* and *employer* markets.

Mark Konen will lead **Individual Markets**.

Wes Thompson will lead **Employer Markets**.

Individual life insurance operations will be centered in Greensboro, with significant operations in other key cities, including Concord and Hartford. Annuity operations, including our 401(k) and 403(b) businesses, will be based in Fort Wayne.

In addition to 401(k), 403(b) and COLI, the employer markets organization will include **Benefit Partners**, Jefferson Pilot's group insurance operations based in Omaha.

Delaware InvestmentsSM retail and institutional products will be manufactured and managed by the asset management group based in Philadelphia, with the exception of the Director 401(k) product, which will move to the employer-sponsored channel (as noted above).

Jude Driscoll will lead **Asset Management**.

We will establish a shared service structure for individual insurance and annuity operations and IT. This will enable us to achieve greater operational efficiencies and leverage our enhanced scale.

Chuck Cornelio will lead **Shared Services/IT**.

Our retail broker/dealers will operate under current management, which will look for long-term integration possibilities.

Bob Dineen will lead **Lincoln Financial Advisors**.

Warren May will lead our broad wholesaling and marketing organization for life, annuity and investment products across all distribution, which we call **Lincoln Financial Distributors**.

The corporate functions of HR, Law, Finance and Corporate Development will be centralized from a reporting standpoint. Their respective leaders, **Beth Reeves**, **Dennis Schoff**, **Fred Crawford** and **Barb Kowalczyk** will report to CEO Jon Boscia. **Michael Tallett-Williams**, head of Lincoln Financial UK, and **Terry Stone**, head of the Communications Company will also report to the CEO.

Integration process

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The future President and Chief Operating Officer, Dennis Glass, will oversee the integration process. Integration teams will include employees that represent the affected areas of both companies.

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Integration planning, which will begin after certain regulatory permissions are granted, is expected to occur over the next 6 months. So, there will be periodic organizational announcements during this transition while we remain two independent companies.

Many of the changes we will be making in the interim are changes that we would make to support our current business strategies regardless of the merger. This transaction merely accelerates progress toward our mutual strategic goals of greater scale and operational efficiency.

Organizational integration will begin immediately after the close of the transaction, which is expected at the end of the first quarter of 2006. The process of integration is expected to take up to 2 years from the date of closing.

Mission & Values

Lincoln Financial and Jefferson Pilot are highly complementary organizations in terms of the markets we serve and the values we share. We both recently celebrated our centennials and heritage of financial strength. Each company also shares a commitment to excellence and integrity as the hallmarks of our success. Together, we will continue to build a high-performance culture.

Ongoing communication

You will receive regular communication throughout the process. There is an email box set up for you to submit questions: [AskLFG@lfg.com and Jefferson Pilot's *Corporate Affairs email*]. We cannot guarantee personal responses to all of the emails, but we will address questions in future meetings and post FAQs on our intranets.

Over the coming weeks, leaders from both organizations will be traveling to key cities to meet with employees. In addition to these opportunities, large-scale all-employee meetings are scheduled for:

October 18 in Greensboro

October 19 in Hartford

October 20 in Fort Wayne

October 26 in Portland

October 27 in Philadelphia

November 1 in Schaumburg

Additional employee meetings will be scheduled.

Media inquiries

If the media contacts you for information, please refer all inquiries to your company's media relations team.

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Change is needed for growth

I recognize that some of the changes announced with this merger may be unsettling for some people. There is uncertainty because many decisions have yet to be made. But I also know that change is essential for growth.

This merger is about two fundamentally strong, complementary organizations, joining forces to leverage their strengths for customers and strategic partners. It will create opportunities for growth and significant shareholder value.

I encourage you to stay focused on serving customers and keep open the lines of communication with your colleagues and managers. Both organizations share a commitment to excellence and other values that highlight the importance for treating people with respect and dignity.

Attracting, retaining and developing high-performers who can differentiate Lincoln Financial in the marketplace will be a high priority for the organization moving forward. Mergers provide great opportunities for individuals to develop and demonstrate competencies that can make them successful in any organization.

I am excited about the possibilities for growth that this merger presents. I look forward with optimism for changes that will make Lincoln Financial a powerhouse in the insurance and financial services industry.

In connection with the proposed transaction, a registration statement, including a joint proxy statement/prospectus, and other materials will be filed with the SEC. WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THESE OTHER DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AND BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISIONS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available), as well as other filings containing information about Lincoln and Jefferson-Pilot, without charge, at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website (www.sec.gov). In addition, free copies of the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus will be (when filed), and Lincoln's other SEC filings are, also available on Lincoln's website (www.lfg.com). Free copies of the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus will be (when available), and Jefferson-Pilot's other SEC filings are, also available on Jefferson-Pilot's website (www.jpfinancial.com).

Lincoln, Jefferson-Pilot, their respective directors and officers and other persons may be deemed, under SEC rules, to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Lincoln's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and in its proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 8, 2005, and information regarding Jefferson-Pilot's directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and in its proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 24, 2005. More detailed information regarding the identity of potential participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Except for historical information contained in this document, statements made in this document are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA). A forward-looking statement is a statement that is not a historical fact and, without limitation, includes any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance or achievements, and may contain words like: believe, anticipate, expect, estimate, project, will, shall and other words or phrases with similar meaning. We protection afforded by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the PSLRA. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the results contained in the forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to vary materially, some of which are described within the forward-looking statements include, among others: (1) the shareholders of Lincoln and/or Jefferson-Pilot may not approve and adopt the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement at the special shareholder meetings; (2) we may be unable to obtain regulatory approvals required for the merger, or required regulatory approvals may delay the merger or result in the imposition of conditions that could have a material adverse effect on the combined company or cause us to abandon the merger; (3) we may be unable to complete the merger or completing the merger may be more costly than expected because, among other reasons, conditions to the closing of the merger may not be satisfied; (4) problems may arise with the ability to successfully integrate Lincoln's and Jefferson-Pilot's businesses, which may result in the combined company not operating as effectively and efficiently as expected; (5) the combined company may not be able to achieve the expected synergies from the merger or it may take longer than expected to achieve those synergies; (6) the merger may involve unexpected costs or unexpected liabilities, or the effects of purchase accounting may be different from our expectations; (7) the credit and insurer financial strength ratings of the combined company and its subsidiaries may be different from what the companies expect; and (8) the combined company may be adversely affected by future legislative, regulatory, or tax changes as well as other economic, business and/or competitive factors.

The risks included here are not exhaustive. The annual reports on Form 10-K, current reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed by Lincoln and Jefferson-Pilot with the Securities and Exchange Commission include additional factors which could impact our businesses and financial performance. Given these risks and uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. In addition, we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date of this document, except as may be required by law.