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The following letter to employees was issued by McGrath RentCorp on December 20, 2001:

Today we announced that Tyco International has entered into an agreement to acquire McGrath RentCorp.

We have anticipated that you might have a number of questions about Tyco. In an effort to keep you informed, we have provided you with some information about Tyco and the acquisition process. Keep in mind that at this early stage of the acquisition process, answers are limited. As information becomes available, we will communicate to you.

Here are the questions we asked:

What can you tell us about Tyco?

Tyco International Ltd. is a diversified manufacturing and service company. Tyco is the world's largest manufacturer and servicer of ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS; the world's largest designer, manufacturer, installer and servicer of UNDERSEA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; the world's largest manufacturer, installer and provider of FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND ELECTRONIC SECURITY SERVICES and the world's largest manufacturer of SPECIALTY VALVES. Tyco also holds strong leadership positions in MEDICAL DEVICE PRODUCTS, FINANCING AND LEASING CAPITAL, AND PLASTICS AND ADHESIVES.

You can learn more about Tyco, by checking out their web-site at (www.Tycointl.com).

Why is the merger good for McGrath RentCorp?

The acquisition offers McGrath RentCorp new avenues of growth opportunities. McGrath RentCorp will be joining Tyco Capital, a subsidiary of Tyco International, and a leading organization in the leasing industry. The acquisition of McGrath RentCorp offers Tyco the platform to grow a new franchise with the modular building business. The acquisition also provides Com a natural fit with its existing electronic instrument rental business.

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How does Tyco Capital relate to Tyco International LTD?

Tyco Capital is a subsidiary of Tyco International Ltd. Tyco Capital is a leading, global source of financing and leasing capital and advisor for companies in more than 30 industries. Managing more than \$50 billion in assets across a diversified portfolio, Tyco Capital, formerly known as CIT, empowers many of today's industry leaders and emerging businesses offering vendor, equipment, factoring, consumer, and structured financing capabilities.

What does this mean for McGrath RentCorp employees?

We don't yet know exactly how this will affect individual employee's jobs. A team of representatives from both McGrath RentCorp and Tyco Capital will work together to fully understand each other's business and operations. A plan will then be developed for moving forward as one organization. We would expect the plan to be finalized and communicated to you once the acquisition is complete.

Having become familiar with our McGrath RentCorp culture during the negotiation process, Tyco anticipates we will continue to work with as much dedication as we always have. This will contribute to the success of the combined organization.

Will Tyco recognize the prior service of McGrath RentCorp employees?

Tyco appreciates the value that service with McGrath RentCorp brings to Tyco. Tyco was very impressed with the large number of employees that participated in the annual "10-Year Dinner". Know that Tyco will recognize your prior service.

Will the benefits, policies, and procedures change?

Your benefits, policies and procedures will not be affected by the acquisition for the near term. Over time, to operate more efficiently, we may need to become more consistent with Tyco's benefits, policies and procedures. Representatives from both organizations will work together to evaluate and develop plans going forward. Changes, if any, will be fully communicated to employees before they are implemented.

Is there something you would especially like to communicate to McGrath RentCorp employees?

We realize that many more questions may arise from the announcement of Tyco's intent to acquire McGrath RentCorp. However, McGrath RentCorp and Tyco Capital need to fully understand each other's business and operations, then develop and finalize plans for moving forward as one organization. And, once these plans are finalized, we will communicate them to you.

Thank you for your patience and support as we manage during this time of change.

Investors and security holders are advised to read the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the business combination transaction referenced in the foregoing information, when it becomes available, because it will contain important information. The proxy statement/prospectus will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Tyco and McGrath RentCorp. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed by Tyco and McGrath RentCorp at the Commission's web site at www.sec.gov. The proxy statement/prospectus and such other documents may also be obtained from Tyco or from McGrath RentCorp by directing such request to Tyco International Ltd., The Zurich Centre, Second

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McGrath RentCorp and certain other persons referred to below may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of McGrath RentCorp's shareholders to adopt the agreement providing for Tyco's acquisition of McGrath RentCorp. The participants in this solicitation may include the directors and executive officers of McGrath RentCorp, who may have an interest in the transaction, including as a result of holding stock or options of McGrath RentCorp. A detailed list of names and interests of McGrath RentCorp's directors and executive officers is contained in McGrath RentCorp's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting, held on May 30, 2001, which may be obtained without charge at the Commission's web site at www.sec.gov.