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Employer Markets Strategy

By Wes Thompson

Lincoln Financial Group has been a player in the employer-sponsored business for years, but we have not had a consolidated, consistent approach and growth strategy to bring all of the products together under one business and profit center. This year we will make it happen.

Rationale

While the timing of this merger makes it even more exciting, building an Employer Markets business unit makes sense for many marketplace reasons.

With nearly 80 million baby boomers beginning to retire this year, the retirement income market is enormous and there has never been a better time to strengthen our focus on their needs. With a strategic approach, we can build valuable links for investors between the accumulation, protection and income-drawing years.

In addition, bringing together the assets of businesses that are dispersed across multiple business units and both companies allows us to leverage enterprise expertise and capabilities. And it will greatly strengthen our visibility in the marketplace.

Development

Since the announcement of my new leadership team for Employer Markets, I have been working with an integration strategy team of representatives across Lincoln and Jefferson Pilot to assess the market and our combined products, distribution, operational capabilities, strengths, and challenges. This analysis will help us set strategic direction and provide critical data that will determine our operating model and how we build out the next level of our organization.

Facts

To give you some perspective on what Employer Markets will look like initially, we have developed a fact sheet that illustrates the current product offerings and numbers of employees associated with those lines of business. (See attachment below.)

Distribution

Due to the specialized nature of Employer Markets and the cross-selling opportunities we will enjoy (especially once Lincoln's retirement plan businesses join forces with Jefferson Pilot's Benefit Partners), we will maintain distribution capability within the Employer Markets business unit. I intend to hire a head of distribution who will round out my leadership team.

Transition

By the time the merger closes at the end of the first quarter, Employer Markets will be fully operational as a business unit within the New Lincoln. Between now and then, I continue to drive the business of LFD, and I am working with Warren May on the transition of leadership for that business unit.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Employer Markets Leadership Team and Strategy Team for their input and insight during the transition and integration process. As I've traveled across Lincoln and Jefferson Pilot to learn more about this business, I have been overwhelmed with the support, enthusiasm and ideas people have for these efforts.

This is going to be an exciting year for the new Lincoln, and I am looking ahead with great optimism as we meet the challenges in Employer Markets.

**Employer Markets
Integration Fact Sheet**

Employer Markets 12-Month Mission/Objective:

To establish Employer Markets as a viable business unit, including the integration of pieces currently dispersed throughout LFG, and to ultimately achieve profitable market share growth.

Geographic Locations:

| Lincoln Financial | Jefferson Pilot |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Philadelphia, PA | Omaha, NE |
| Ft. Wayne, IN | Atlanta, GA |
| Hartford, CT | Greensboro, NC |
| Portland, ME | |
| Arlington Heights, IL | |

Approximate Employee and Sales Force Counts

| | Lincoln Financial | Jefferson Pilot |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Dedicated Employer Markets Employees*: | 850 | 1,150 |
| Combined Total Employees: | over 2000 | |
| Dedicated Sales Force: | 325** | 120 |
| Combined Total Sales Force: | nearly 450 | |

*includes sales force

**includes Lincoln Financial Distributors, Lincoln Financial Advisors Employer Retirement Markets, Fringe Benefit Division, & California Fringe Benefits

Product Rankings The New Employer Markets:

| | |
|--|---|
| No. 6 in defined contribution sponsors | No. 16 in defined contribution assets |
| No. 8 in Group Disability Sales | No. 21 in defined contribution participants |
| No. 13 in Group Life Sales | |

Sources: Pensions and Investments 2005, LIMRA

Existing Employer Markets Products:

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|--|--|
| DirectorSM | Alliance[®] |
| Multi-Fund[®] | GVA |
| Lincoln IndependenceSM | Executive Benefits (COLI, BOLI) |
| DB Pension Business | Group Short-term Disability |
| Group Long-term Disability | Group Life |
| Group Dental | |

| Customers Served: | Lincoln | Jefferson Pilot | Combined |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Plan Sponsors | 28,500 | 31,300 | 59,800 |
| Plan Participants | 1.2M | 3.65M | 4.85M |

Integration Milestones Next 90 Days

30-60 Days:

Develop high level strategy and assumptions Value Proposition and Operating Assumptions

Organizational design and next tier talent selection

90 Days:

Develop detailed integration plans including current and future states function and process inventory, operating budgets, locations and headcounts, and cost-savings vs. targets

Build out remaining Employer Markets organization

Merger Close: Launch Day One Integration Plans

Employer Markets Leadership Team:

Wes Thompson

Corp. Shared Services

HR Kim Miner

Communications - Judimarie Thomas

IT Gerhard Blummers

Bob Bates

- Benefit Partners
- Group Life

Jeff Coutts

Product & Marketing

Diane McCarthy

- Integration Officer
- Strategy & Profitability Management

Open

Distribution

Mike Smith

Operations & Relationship Management

Employer Markets Strategy & Integration Team

Program

Management

- Claire Burns (L&A)
- Justin DiLucchio (L&A)
- Joel Lieginger (L&A)
- Shaun Patel (LFD)

Product/Marketing

- Kelly Clevenger (L&A)
- Mark Hackl (Del.)
- Tom McConnell (Del.)
- Tony Laudato (L&A)
- Karina Istvan (LFD)
- Bob Culver (BP)

Operations & Rel.

Mgmt.

- Kathy Gorman (L&A)
- Michelle Booth (L&A)
- Roberta Tielinen (L&A)
- Steve Johnson (L&A)
- Marcy Arnold (AMG)
- Bill Herx (Del.)
- Ted Wood (Del.)
- Emma Ladd (L&A)
- Bob Toth (L&A)
- Sandy Callahan (BP)

Distribution

- Celeste Gurulé (CFB)
- Nancy Briguglio (LFD)
- Jim McCrory (LFD)
- Bob Bond (ERM)
- Carolyn Brody (ERM)
- Garry Spence (ERM)
- Bob Smith (L&A)
- Greg Amick (AMG)
- Len Cavallaro (BP)

AMG = Administrative Management Group

Del = Delaware Investments

LFD = Lincoln Financial Distributors

BP = Benefit Partners

ERM = Employer Retirement Markets

CFB = California Fringe Benefits

L&A = Lincoln Life & Annuity

In connection with the proposed transaction, Lincoln National Corporation has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-130226), including a joint proxy statement/prospectus, and other materials. WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE DEFINITIVE 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 these materials (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 definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be (when available), 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, is available in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus contained in the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-4.

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 claim the 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 Lincoln shareholders may not approve the issuance of shares in connection with the merger and/or the Jefferson-Pilot shareholders 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 Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-130226) filed by Lincoln with the SEC on December 8, 2005, as well as 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 that could impact our businesses and financial performance. Given these risks and uncertainties, you

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