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Tonight's Objectives

- o To help with tax planning
- o To set the record straight

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Proposed Bermuda  
Re-incorporation Transaction

- o Change in legal domicile ...  
from Connecticut to Bermuda
- o Conversion of all shares ... from SWK to SWK Ltd.
- o No accounting / operating impacts
- o Ownership & voting rights substantially unchanged
- o Corporate HQ location, business operations,  
customer / supplier relationships, etc.  
All remain unchanged

Why Do This?

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Compelling Long-Term Benefits

- o Alignment of corporate structure with increasing  
international operations
- o Facilitate expansion of international business
- o Sustained higher levels of free cash flow generation  
... flexibility to fund enhancers of shareowner value
- o Potential for higher debt capacity & better ratings ...

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generate one year's free cash flow every 5 years

- o Improvement of worldwide effective tax rate

Provides Much of the Flexibility Needed  
to Grow Internationally

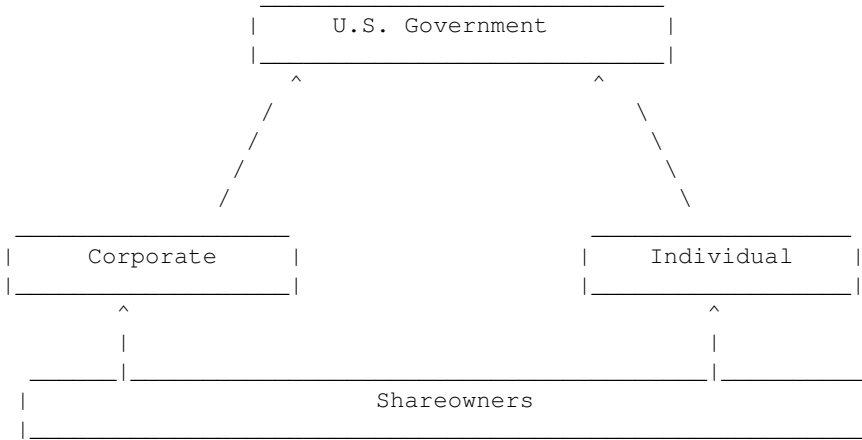
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Facts to Consider When Voting

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Shareowners Pay Taxes Through Corporation  
& Individually as Wealth is Created



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Stanley is More & More a Global Company

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- o 28% of our Sales are outside the U.S.
- o 30% of our Assets are outside the U.S.
- o 40% of our Plants are outside the U.S.
- o 48% of our People are outside the U.S.

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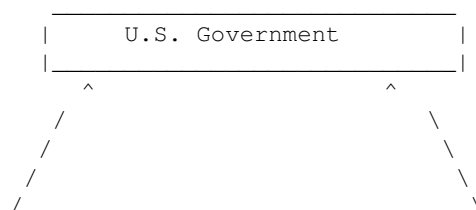
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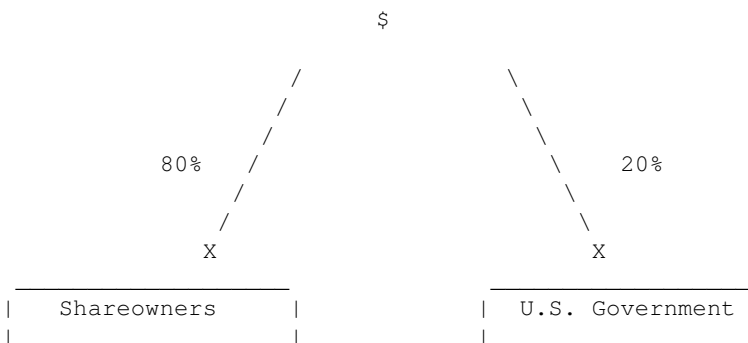
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Our Objective is to Pay More Taxes Long Term  
... Not Less !



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## Performance vs. Peers

1 Yr.

3 Yrs.

5 Yrs.

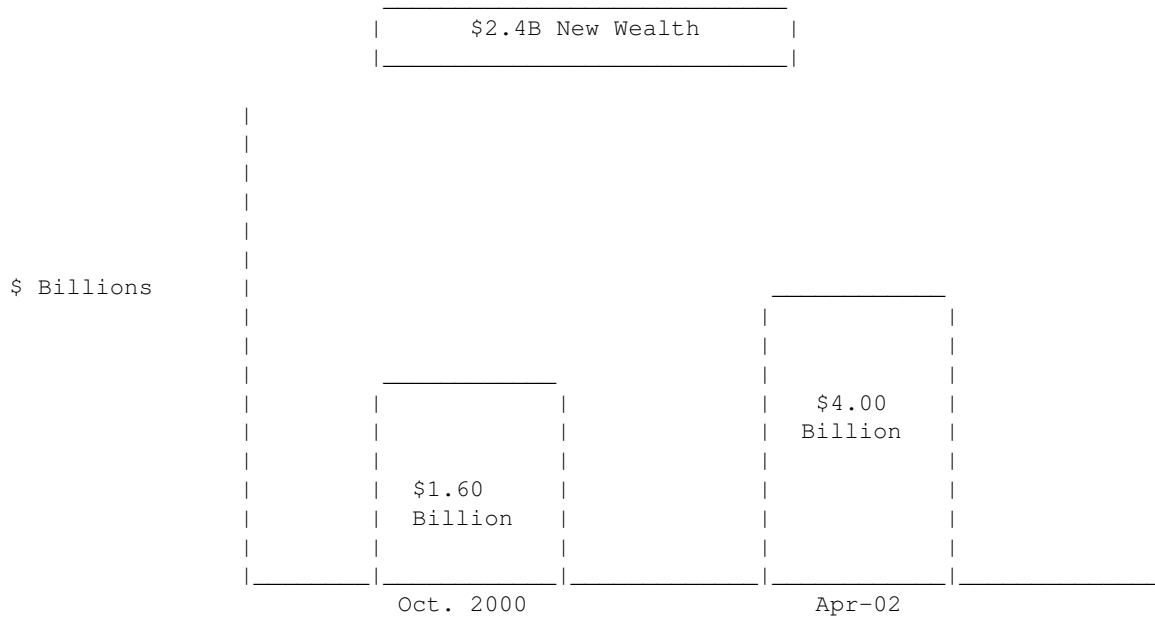
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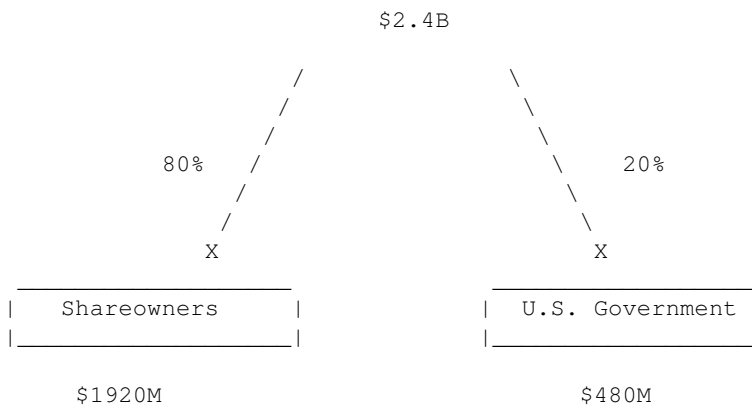
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Stock Value



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Glass Half Empty

| I expected to pay the |  
| tax later ! |

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Glass Half Full

| Stanley has been a |  
| great investment! |

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The Reincorporation is Being Undertaken to  
Increase our Share Price to Benefit Shareowners

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### More Facts

- o SWK Headquarters WILL NOT move
- o Employment WILL NOT be affected
- o 401(k) and IRA holdings WILL NOT be taxed
  
- o SWK WILL continue to pay U.S. taxes
- o SWK WILL continue on the New York Stock Exchange
- o SWK WILL continue to be an S&P 500 company

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Don't be Confused by the  
Media Hype

... This Change Will Benefit  
All of Us