

NOTICE AND ACCESS – INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

FACT SHEET

As the leading proxy solicitation firm, Georgeson has the experience and technology to efficiently manage your company's application of the notice and access rule.

Under rules issued July 26, 2007, by the SEC, Internet posting of proxy materials and notification of availability – “notice and access” – is now mandatory for large accelerated filers – issuers with a market value of \$700 million or more at the end of the second fiscal quarter of the prior year (along with certain other requirements). It becomes mandatory for all other issuers and registered investment companies January 1, 2009.

BENEFITS OF APPLYING THE NOTICE AND ACCESS RULE

- › Reduced printing and mailing costs by eliminating the mailing of bulky proxy packages to some or all of your holders – providing paper materials only upon request.
- › Position your company as an environmentally responsible organization committed to reducing the use of paper.
- › Shareholders appreciate the convenience of electronic delivery, as the Internet has become one of the most popular means of communication.

WHY CHOOSE GEORGESON?

- › The professionals at Georgeson will help you realize the optimal mix of notice-only and traditionally mailed packages through a detailed analysis of your shareholder base and review of your meeting goals, by capturing and retaining voting details from your previous years' annual meetings.
- › Georgeson's notice and access related solutions meets the SEC's four major requirements for use of the notice-only option (providing shareholders a hard copy only upon request).
- › Georgeson can help you minimize uncertainty regarding print and fulfillment quantities, through a pre-meeting mailing campaign to solicit and capture your shareholders' delivery preferences before mailing the notice or proxy materials.

ARE YOU READY?

- › Call the professionals at Georgeson (212 440 9800) to make sure you are ready to meet the requirements of the notice and access rule, effective January 1, 2009.

GLOBAL PROXY SOLICITATION SERVICES

- > Annual and special meeting proxy solicitation provider
- > M&A and proxy contests
- > Shareholder identification
- > Corporate proxy distribution, tabulation and vote reporting

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSULTING

- > Takeover defense services
- > Strategic M&A and proxy fight consulting
- > Board and governance advisory services
- > Executive stock incentive plan analysis

ABOUT GEORGESON

Georgeson Inc. is the world's leading provider of strategic proxy and corporate governance advisory services to corporations and shareholder groups working to influence corporate strategy. For over half a century, Georgeson has specialized in complex solicitations such as hostile and friendly acquisitions, proxy contests and takeover defenses. In 2007, Georgeson was ranked the No. 1 proxy solicitor for US M&A transactions. The firm also provides issuers with expertise in corporate events solutions such as information agent services and post-merger unexchanged holder programs. Georgeson is a Computershare company.