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Bermuda Reincorporation Transaction
February, 2002

Institutional Investor /
Sell-side Analyst
Individual Shareowner
Overview

Proposed Reincorporation Transaction

- >> Change In Legal Domicile
... From Connecticut to Bermuda.
- >> Conversion of All Shares...From SWK to SWK Ltd.
- >> No accounting / operating impacts.
- >> Ownership and voting rights substantially unchanged.
- >> Corporate headquarters location, business operations,
customer / supplier relationships, etc. all remain unchanged.

WHY DO THIS ?

Compelling Long-Term Benefits

- >> Alignment of corporate structure with
increasingly international operations.
- >> Facilitate expansion of international business.
- >> Sustained generation of higher levels of Free
Cash Flow ... flexibility to fund enhancers

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of shareowner value

- >> Potential for higher debt capacity & better ratings, based on FCF increase
- >> Improvement of worldwide effective tax rate.

| PROVIDES MUCH OF THE FLEXIBILITY |
NEEDED TO GROW INTERNATIONALLY

| Increasingly International Operations |

- >> 28% of revenues outside U.S.
- >> 30% of fixed assets outside U.S.
- >> 40% of manufacturing facilities outside U.S.
- >> 48% of workforce outside U.S.
- >> 2 of 3 recent acquisitions outside U.S.

| ENABLES EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION |
OF WORLDWIDE BUSINESS STRATEGY

| Flexibility To Fund Items Enhancing |
Shareowner Value

- >> Acquisitions, especially international / industrial.
- >> Debt repayment.
- >> Share repurchase program.
- >> Dividend increases.
- >> Expansion into new product markets.
- >> New product development.

| ABILITY TO FUND EACH IS ENHANCED |

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Timing And Process

>> KEY CUSTOMER CONSENTS X
 GRAINGER X
 HOME DEPOT X
 LOWES X
 WAL*MART X

>> S&P 500 INDEX - PRELIM. INDICATION X

>> I.S.S. POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION -
 PRELIM. INDICATION X

>> 2/3 VOTE OF ALL O/S SHARES -----> | Expected April'02 |
 PROXY ITEM; ANNUAL MTG. VOTE |-----|

>> TRANSACTION IMPLEMENTATION

>> BENEFIT REALIZATION,
 i.e. 23% - 25% TAX RATE -----> | Expected Q2'02 |
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Summary

>> Shareowner Rights Substantially Unchanged;
 Recreated Stanley Connecticut in Bermuda

>> Anti-Takeover Devices - Poison Pill, Etc. -- Replicated

>> Potential Expansion Of Market Cap: \$440MM+ (11.5%)

>> The Reward: One Additional Year's Free Cash Flow
 Every Five Years

A CLEAR PLUS TO SHAREOWNER VALUE...BUT YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

Substantial Short-Term Benefits...

	2002	2003
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Current 1st Call consensus	\$2.70	\$3.00
Shares outstanding	87.8MM	87.8MM
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After-tax earnings	\$237MM	\$264MM
Current tax rate	32%	32%

Pre-tax earnings	\$349MM	\$387MM
New tax rate @ 2Q02	28%	24%

New after-tax earnings	\$252MM	\$294MM
Shares outstanding	87.8MM	87.8MM

	\$2.87	\$3.35
INCREMENTAL / BENEFITS		

Free Cash Flow	\$ 15MM	\$ 30MM
E.P.S.	\$.17	\$.35
E.P.S. X Current '03 Multiple		+ \$5.00

Summary of Benefits

- >> Expected effective tax rate reduction: 32% to 24%.
- >> Resulting cash tax savings: \$30MM / yr.
(\$0.35 EPS / yr.) = NPV \$100MM +.
- >> Added flexibility to apply free cash flow to dividends,
acquisitions, share repurchases & debt repayment.
- >> Significantly improves after-tax returns on prospective acquisitions.
- >> Potential market cap expansion of \$440MM+ (11.5%).

| THE REWARD: ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR'S |
FREE CASH FLOW EVERY FIVE YEARS

Benefits Substantially Outweigh Costs

SWK COSTS	SHAREOWNER COSTS
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>> Legal	>> No incremental tax
>> Proxy solicitation	
>> Public relations	>> Acceleration of inherent capital gains tax
>> SEC filings	
>> Tax consulting	
>> Administration	>> Approx. 60% of SWK shares in non-taxable holdings
>> Investment banker	

\$3 - 5MM	

Shareowner Rights Maintained As In CT

SWK Bermuda provisions replicate current SWK provisions:

- |X| Directors staggered in 3-year terms.
- |X| Directors removed only for cause; shareowner vote.
- |X| Director vacancies filled only by remaining directors; not by shareowners.
- |X| Current 10% poison pill will be "substantially replicated" in Bermuda / Stanley Ltd. |X| Dividend rights substantially similar.
- |X| Repurchases of shares in the open market permitted.
- |X| Shareowner proposals permitted with proper notice.
- |X| Special meeting requests permitted (threshold 10% in Bermuda)

| ANTI-TAKEOVER MECHANISMS - POISON |
PILL, ETC. - REPLICATED

Summary

- >> Only real change is in legal domicile / no ops impacts.
- >> Enhanced ability to compete / acquire...levels the playing field vs. foreign competitors.
- >> Compelling benefits:
 - |X| \$30MM annual free-cash flow / \$.35 EPS added EPS (32% -> 24% tax rate).
- >> Negligible downside: minimal transaction costs; no changes to shareowner rights / anti-takeover

| A CLEAR PLUS TO SHAREOWNER VALUE |
...BUT YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

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