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Alleghany Corporation ( Alleghany ) is filing the attached presentation materials in connection with Alleghany s previously announced proposed transaction with Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. ( Transatlantic ) pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Alleghany, Shoreline Merger Sub, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alleghany, and Transatlantic, dated as of November 20, 2011. These materials are first being presented to stockholders on December 1, 2011. Alleghany may present the attached materials to stockholders and others on future occasions. The information contained in the attached presentation materials is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of Alleghany s filings with the SEC and other public announcements. Alleghany undertakes no duty or obligation to publicly update or revise this information, although it may do so from time to time.

In connection with the proposed transaction, Alleghany intends to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of Alleghany and Transatlantic that also constitutes a prospectus of Alleghany. Transatlantic and Alleghany also plan to file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** You may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus (if and when it becomes available) and other relevant documents filed by Alleghany and Transatlantic with the SEC at the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also obtain these documents by contacting Transatlantic s Investor Relations department at Transatlantic Holdings, Inc., 80 Pine Street, New York, New York 10005, or via email at [investor\\_relations@transre.com](mailto:investor_relations@transre.com); or by contacting Alleghany at Alleghany Corporation, 7 Times Square Tower, New York, New York 10036.

Alleghany and Transatlantic and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information about Alleghany s directors and executive officers is available in Alleghany s proxy statement dated March 17, 2011 for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information about Transatlantic s directors and executive officers is available in Transatlantic s consent revocation statement filed with the SEC on September 20, 2011. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the merger when they become available. Investors should read the joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from Alleghany or Transatlantic using the sources indicated above.

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