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Meeting Location The Annual Meeting for holders as of March 14, 2008 is to be held on May 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at: Ritz-Carlton Hotel 100 Carondelet Plaza Clayton, MO 63105 R1PDY2

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Voting Items ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ARE LISTED BELOW. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS VOTING FOR ITEMS 1, 2, 3 AND 4. 1. Election of Director: NOMINEE: 01) Sandra Van Trease 2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent 4. Approval of the 2008 Management Annual Registered Public Accounting Firm. Incentive Compensation Plan. 3. Approval of a proposal to Declassify the Board of Directors. R1PDY3

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