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GE Transportation Update

Team,

Today we announced that GE Transportation will merge with

<http://www.getransportation.com/wabtec-and-ge-transportation-merge-creating-global-leader-rail-equipment-services-and-so>

Wabtec Corporation, a long-time global supplier to the transportation industry. This strategic combination is an excellent fit and will create a global industry leader in transportation and logistics.

I am very proud of the GE Transportation team and Rafael's leadership. Their focus on operating rigor through a tough cycle and hard work developing some of the best technology and digital solutions across the transportation industry have positioned their business for this next step. Together with Wabtec, they will have \$8 billion in combined revenues, an unmatched global installed base, and a leading position in key freight rail and transit geographies worldwide. They will bring over two centuries of collective industry heritage and a shared employee commitment to customer outcomes, quality, safety and technology innovation. Together, they will be better positioned to win.

Today's announcement marks an important step in GE's evolution to make our company simpler and stronger. I know these changes — and working in uncertainty — are hard. Thank you for your continued hard work to deliver for our customers. That is what GE Transportation has done so well throughout its history and I'm confident it will serve them well in the future.

John

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solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the relevant materials when filed with the SEC. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of GE is contained in GE's proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2018, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018, its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, which was filed with the SEC on May 1, 2018 and certain of its Current Reports filed on Form 8-K. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of Wabtec is contained in Wabtec's proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on April 5, 2018, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2018, its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 which was filed with the SEC on May 4, 2018 and certain of its Current Reports filed on Form 8-K. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

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