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On April 9, 2003, General Motors Corporation ("GM") and its subsidiary Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes"), together with The News Corporation Limited ("News"), announced the signing of definitive agreements that provide for the split-off of Hughes from GM and the simultaneous sale of GM's 19.9 percent (19.9%) economic interest in Hughes to News. In addition, pursuant to these agreements, News would acquire an additional 14.1 percent (14.1%) stake in Hughes from holders of GM Class H common stock through a merger of Hughes and a wholly-owned subsidiary of News, with Hughes as the surviving corporation. The definitive agreements were filed as Exhibits to the Form 6-K filed by News today and are incorporated by reference into this filing.

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In connection with the proposed transactions, News, GM and Hughes will file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including one or more registration statement(s) that contain a prospectus and proxy/consent solicitation statement. Investors and security holders

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