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CF and its directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in any solicitation of proxies from Terra's stockholders in respect of the proposed transaction with Terra. Information regarding CF's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement for its 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 4, 2008. Other information regarding potential participants in such proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in any proxy statement filed in connection with the proposed transaction.

All information in this communication concerning Terra, including its business, operations and financial results was obtained from public sources. While CF has no knowledge that any such information is inaccurate or incomplete, CF has not had the opportunity to verify any of that information.

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Certain statements contained in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements in this press release, other than those relating to historical information or current condition, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Risks and uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction include: Terra's failure to accept CF's proposal and enter into definitive agreements to effect the transaction; our ability to obtain shareholder, antitrust, regulatory and other approvals on the proposed terms and schedule; uncertainty of the expected financial performance of CF following completion of the proposed transaction; CF's ability to achieve the cost-savings and synergies contemplated by the proposed transaction within the expected time frame; CF's ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of Terra and CF; and disruption from the proposed transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers. Additional risks and uncertainties include: the relatively expensive and volatile cost of North American natural gas; the cyclical nature of our business and the agricultural sector; changes in global fertilizer supply and demand and its impact on markets and selling prices; the nature of our products as global commodities; intense global competition in the consolidating markets in which we operate; conditions in the U.S. agricultural industry; weather conditions; our inability to accurately predict seasonal demand for our products; the concentration of our sales with certain large customers; the impact of

changing market conditions on our forward pricing program; the reliance of our operations on a limited number of key facilities; the significant risks and hazards against which we may not be fully insured; reliance on third party transportation providers; unanticipated adverse consequences related to the expansion of our business; our inability to expand our business, including the significant resources that could be required; potential liabilities and expenditures related to environmental and health and safety laws and regulations; our inability to obtain or maintain required permits and governmental approvals; acts of terrorism; difficulties in securing the supply and delivery of raw materials we use and increases in their costs; losses on our investments in securities; loss of key members of management and professional staff; and the other risks and uncertainties included from time to time in our filings with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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On January 15, 2009, CF posted a letter to its customers concerning the proposed transaction on its website. A copy of the letter follows.

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MESSAGE TO CUSTOMERS

Today we announced that we have made a proposal to the Terra Industries Inc. Board of Directors to join with CF Industries to create a more competitive global player in the nitrogen fertilizer industry. We believe this combination will produce an improved strategic platform for sustainability and growth.

We have enjoyed great relationships with our customers over the years and appreciate your continued support. I would like to highlight for you why we believe customers will benefit from the combined companies' capabilities and enhanced services.

We believe combining CF and Terra would expand our coverage in the U.S. and worldwide, leading to lower costs. The optimization of our supply and logistics functions would improve the efficiency of our distribution network and reduce transportation costs. As a combined entity, we would also benefit from greater economies of scale in procurement and purchasing. Customers who have in the past held contracts with Terra would also have access to phosphate. In terms of pricing for our customers, as you are aware, the global fertilizer market is highly competitive, and consequently, this transaction will not impact the pricing dynamics for fertilizers.

CF Industries and Terra Industries together would be better able to compete in the global marketplace while strengthening manufacturing in North America. We will continue to provide products to our customers in a cost efficient, convenient and safe manner. Capacity would not be an issue as we would expect most or all of the production facilities to be maintained.

At CF, we pride ourselves on our dedication to customer service and will continue our commitment to enhanced service following the formation of the combined company. Through our PROMISE system, all customers will have quick access to information for more responsive and timely decision-making. With this best-in-class web-based, e-business solution, PROMISE supports sales activity, measures performance and responds quickly and effectively to our customers' diverse and unique needs. Our service also has a 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-a-week order entry and customer access to shipping, billing and contract status information. Additionally, our forward pricing program risk management tool is designed to help our customers manage future price risk when buying fertilizer.

While we have yet to receive a response from Terra on our proposal, we believe our offer is compelling and hope that Terra realizes the potential in combining two strong companies. We are hopeful that we can reach a friendly agreement.

We understand that you may have questions regarding what a potential combination would mean for you. We will keep you updated as decisions are made and the process unfolds. In order to keep you as up-to-date as possible we will be posting new developments on our website, www.transactioninfo.com/cfindustries.

