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The following update was posted to The Gillette Company's internal web site:

Mary Ann Pesce, Bruce Cleverly to Join Post-Merger P&G Organization

Earlier today, P&G announced that two more Gillette senior leaders have agreed to join the post-merger organization in key leadership roles, pending the approval of the P&G Board of Directors.

Personal Care President Mary Ann Pesce and Oral Care President Bruce Cleverly are slated to move to President-level P&G assignments following the close of the transaction. Last month, the appointments of five other members of the Gillette Operating Committee to key leadership roles in the combined company were announced. These executives are Mike Cowhig, Joe Dooley, Peter Hoffman, Mark Leckie and Ed Shirley.

P&G also announced that upon closing, it anticipates that Chip Bergh, president of P&G's ASEAN, Australasia and India (AAI) operation, will be moving to an assignment at the President level within Gillette. Until that time, Chip will be working on special assignment reporting directly to Chairman A.G. Lafley.

The integration process to "Field the Best Team" will continue, and additional senior-level appointments will be announced as assignments are finalized in the coming months.

P&G and Gillette shareholders will vote on the proposed merger on July 12.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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current expectations that are subject to risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following risks and uncertainties: those set forth in Gillette's and P&G's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the failure to obtain and retain expected synergies from the proposed transaction, failure of Gillette and P&G stockholders to approve the transaction, delays in obtaining, or adverse conditions contained in, any required regulatory approvals, failure to consummate or delay in consummating the transaction for other reasons, changes in laws or regulations and other similar factors. Readers are referred to Gillette's and P&G's most recent reports filed with the SEC. Gillette and P&G are under no obligation to (and expressly disclaim any such obligation to) update or alter their forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This filing may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed merger of Gillette and P&G. On May 27, 2005, Gillette filed with the SEC a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, including the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus constituting a part thereof. SHAREHOLDERS OF GILLETTE AND SHAREHOLDERS OF P&G ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The final joint proxy statement/prospectus has been mailed to shareholders of Gillette and shareholders of P&G. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the disclosure documents and other documents filed by Gillette and P&G with the Commission at the Commission's website at www.sec.gov, from The Gillette Company, Prudential Tower, Boston, Massachusetts, 02199-8004, Attention: Office of the Secretary, or from The Procter & Gamble Company, Investor Relations, P.O. Box 599, Cincinnati, OH 45201-0599.

Participants in the Solicitation

Gillette, P&G 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 from their respective shareholders in respect of the proposed transactions. Information regarding Gillette's directors and executive officers is available in Gillette's proxy statement for its 2005 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 30, 2005, and information regarding P&G's directors and executive officers is available in P&G's proxy statement for its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on August 27, 2004. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants are included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available.