# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

#### **Schedule TO**

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

#### THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. (Issuer)

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

# 51/4% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

460690 407 and 460690 803

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.
1114 Avenue of the Americas
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Person)

# Copies to:

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

<u>Transaction Valuation</u> \* \$400.000.000

Amount of Filing Fee \*\* \$28.520

- \* Calculated solely for purposes of determining the amount of the filing fee. Pursuant to Rule 0-11(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Transaction Valuation was calculated assuming that the Company purchases the maximum number of shares possible at a purchase price per share equal to the maximum price, in each case calculated pursuant to the tender offer.
- The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Fee Rate Advisory #5 for Fiscal Year 2010 issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, equals \$71.30 per \$1 million of the value of the transaction.
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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (this "Schedule TO") relates to the offer (the "Tender Offer") by The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company," "we," "us" or "our"), to purchase for cash, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated April 29, 2010 (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Offer to Purchase") and the accompanying Letter of Transmittal (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Letter of Transmittal" and, together with the Offer to Purchase, the "Offer Documents"), up to 370,000 shares of its outstanding 5¼% Seri es B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share) (the "Preferred Shares") at the Purchase Price (as defined in the Offer to Purchase). Assuming the Company accepts for purchase the full 370,000 Preferred Shares for which it is tendering and that it pays the maximum Purchase Price (as defined in the Offer to Purchase), it will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of Accrued Dividends (as defined in the Offer to Purchase)) in the Tender Offer. This Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The information contained in the Offer Documents, copies of which are attached to this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(B), respectively, is incorporated herein by reference in response to all of the items of this Schedule TO as more particularly described below.

# Item 1. Summary Term Sheet.

The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Summary" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.

# Item 2. Subject Company Information.

- (a) The subject company and issuer of the securities subject to the Tender Offer is The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. The address of the Company's principal executive offices is 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036. The telephone number of the Company's principal executive offices is (212) 704-1200.
- (b) This Schedule TO relates to the Tender Offer by the Company to purchase for cash up to 370,000 shares of its outstanding 5¼% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock at the Purchase Price (as defined in the Offer to Purchase) upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer Documents. As of April 28, 2010, 525,000 Preferred Shares were outstanding.
- (c) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Market and Trading Information" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.

# Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.

(a) The Company is the filing person and the subject company of this Schedule TO. The address and telephone number for the Company's principal executive offices are set forth in Item 2 above.

The following table names each person specified in Instruction C to Schedule TO, are set forth below. Unless otherwise indicated, the business address for each such person is c/o The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 and the business telephone number for each such person is: (212) 704-1200.

| Name                     | Position  | <b>Business Address and Telephone Number</b>  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Michael I. Roth          | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer                 |   |
| Nicholas J. Camera       | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretar               | y   |
| Christopher F. Carroll   | Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief<br>Accounting Officer |   |
| Julie M. Connors         | Senior Vice President, Audit and Chief Risk Officer               |   |
| Nicholas Brien           | Chief Executive Officer of McCann Worldgroup                      | McCann Erickson Worldwide<br>622 Third Avenue<br>New York, New York 10017<br>(212) 865-2000           |
| Philippe Krakowsky       | Executive Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Relations        |   |
| Frank Mergenthaler       | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Office               | r   |
| Timothy A. Sompolski     | Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer           |   |
| Frank Borelli            | Director  |   |
| Reginald K. Brack        | Director  | 210 Central Park South, Suite 21C<br>New York, New York 10019<br>(212) 581-6635                       |
| Jocelyn Carter-Miller    | Director  | TechEd Ventures<br>3020 NW 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.<br>Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33311<br>(954) 343-9972 |
| Jill M. Considine        | Director  | Butterfield Fulcrum<br>200 East 57 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>New York, New York 10022<br>(212) 982-4213 |
| Richard A. Goldstein     | Director  |   |
| H. John Greeniaus        | Director  | HJG-Force Inc.<br>10A Jacob Arnold Road<br>Morristown, New Jersey 07960<br>(973) 656-0590             |
| Mary J. Steele Guilfoile | Director  | MG Advisors, Inc.<br>369 Rowayton Avenue<br>Rowayton, Connecticut 06853<br>(203) 853-3425             |
| William T. Kerr          | Director  | Arbitron, Inc. 9705 Patuxent Woods Drive Columbia, Maryland 21046 (410) 312-8150                      |
| David Thomas             | Director  |   |

#### Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.

- (a) The information set forth in the sections of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Summary," "Terms of the Tender Offer," "Certain Significant Considerations," "Acceptance for Purchase and Payment for Preferred Shares," "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares," "Withdrawal of Tenders," "Conditions to the Tender Offer" and "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Terms of the Tender Offer—Ownership of Preferred Shares" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.

# Item 5. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.

(e) The information set forth in (i) Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and (ii) Notes 2, 9, 11 and 15 to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 are incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals.

- (a) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Purpose of the Tender Offer" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Terms of the Tender Offer—Retirement of Shares" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.
  - (c) Not applicable.

#### Item 7. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

- (a) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Source and Amount of Funds" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.
  - (b) Not applicable.
  - (d) Not applicable.

# Item 8. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.

- (a) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Terms of the Tender Offer—Ownership of Preferred Shares" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.
- (b) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase entitled "Terms of the Tender Offer—Ownership of Preferred Shares" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.

# Item 9. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.

(a) The information set forth in the sections of the Offer to Purchase entitled "The Dealer Managers, the Information Agent and the Depositary" and "Fees and Expenses" is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference.

### Item 10. Financial Statements.

The consideration offered in the Tender Offer consists solely of cash. The Tender Offer is not subject to any financing conditions and the Company is a public reporting company under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that files reports electronically on EDGAR. Therefore, pursuant to Instruction 2 of Item 10 of Schedule TO, financial statements of the Company are not material and not required.

# Item 11. Additional Information.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal is incorporated in this Schedule TO by reference. We also incorporate by reference the following documents listed below:
  - · Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on February 26, 2010;
  - · Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on April 29, 2010; and

| · Our definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 19, 2010. |  |  |
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| Item 12. Exhibits.  |  |  |
| (a)(1)(A)*  | Offer to Purchase dated April 29, 2010.  |  |
| (a)(1)(B)*  | Form of Letter of Transmittal.   |  |
| (a)(2)-(a)(4)   | None.  |  |
| (a)(5)*   | Press Release dated April 29, 2010.  |  |
| (b)   | None.  |  |
| (d)(1)  | Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2004, by and between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(9) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.  |  |
| (d)(2)  | Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of January 19, 2005, between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 21, 2005.   |  |
| (d)(3)  | Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2005, between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 17, 2005.   |  |
| (d)(4)  | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2004, between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(7) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.        |  |
| (d)(5)  | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(8) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.                          |  |
| (d)(6)  | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2004, between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.                         |  |
| (d)(7)  | The Interpublic Senior Executive Retirement Income Plan Participation Agreement, dated March 31, 2008, between the Registrant and Michael Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.        |  |
| (d)(8)  | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of February 1, 2002, and signed as of July 1, 2002, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(v) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.   |  |
| (d)(9)  | Special Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2002, and signed as of July 1, 2002, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(iv) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. |  |

| (d)(10) | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated September 30, 2002, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is  |
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|         | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(vi) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.   |
| (d)(11) | Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 2006 and executed on March 20, 2006, by and between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 24, 2006.                                  |
| (d)(12) | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 2006, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(13) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.       |
| (d)(13) | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(14) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.                           |
| (d)(14) | Amendment, dated September 12, 2007, to an Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated February 1, 2002, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(15) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. |
| (d)(15) | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 2006, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.                         |
| (d)(16) | Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2005, between the Registrant and Frank Mergenthaler is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 19, 2005.  |
| (d)(17) | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 18, 2005, between the Registrant and Frank Mergenthaler, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(9) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.          |
| (d)(18) | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between Registrant and Frank Mergenthaler, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(10) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.                               |
| (d)(19) | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 18, 2005, between the Registrant and Frank Mergenthaler, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.                           |
| (d)(20) | Employment Agreement, made as of July 6, 2004, by and between the Registrant and Timothy Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(11) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004.  |
| (d)(21) | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 6, 2004, between the Registrant and Timothy A. Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(16) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.        |
| (d)(22) | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and Timothy A. Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(17) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.                         |
| (d)(23) | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 6, 2004, between the Registrant and Timothy Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(4) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.                             |
| (d)(24) | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of July 1, 1986, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(e) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.   |
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| (d)(25) | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of May 23, 1990, to an Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of July 1, 1986, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(l) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995. |
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| (d)(26) | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of, July 1, 1992, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(q) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.  |
| (d)(27) | Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1994, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(r) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.   |
| (d)(28) | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1994, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(s) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.   |
| (d)(29) | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2000, to an Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000.                                       |
| (d)(30) | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2002, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., signed as of November 11, 2002, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(xv)(c) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.                  |
| (d)(31) | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2002, to an Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John J.   |

year ended December 31, 2002.

(d)(32) Supplemental Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2002, to an Executive Special Benefit Agreement between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(xv)(b) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(d)(33) Supplemental Agreement, made as of March 31, 2003 and executed as of April 15, 2003, to an Employment Agreement,

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made as of January 1, 1994, by and between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(iv)(a) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. Supplemental Agreement dated as of November 12, 2003, to an Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(viii)(u) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the

Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(xv)(a) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the

year ended December 31, 2003. Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(11) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

Amendment, dated as of October 27, 2008 to Executive Special Benefit Agreements, dated as of July 1, 1986, as amended, July 1, 1992, as amended, June 1, 1994, as amended, March 1, 1997 and May 20, 2002, respectively, by and between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of September 4, 2008, between the Registrant and Jill M. Considine, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

Letter, dated November 2, 2006, from Jill M. Considine to the Registrant, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(B) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2008, between the Registrant and Richard A. Goldstein, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

|           | the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990.  |
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| (4)(42)   |  |
| (d)(42)   | The 1997 Performance Incentive Plan of the Registrant is incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on |
| (4)(42)   | Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997.   |
| (d)(43)   | True North Communications Inc. Stock Option Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of Post-Effective             |
| (3)(44)   | Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-59254).                            |
| (d)(44)   | Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc. Stock Option Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of Post-Effective    |
| (3)(45)   | Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-59254).                            |
| (d)(45)   | True North Communications Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit(c)(xiv) of the           |
| (1)(46)   | Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.  |
| (d)(46)   | Resolution of the Board of Directors of True North Communications Inc. adopted on March 1, 2002 amending the Deferred      |
|           | Compensation Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit(c)(xv) of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the    |
| (1)(47)   | year ended December 31, 2002.  |
| (d)(47)   | The 2002 Performance Incentive Plan of the Registrant is incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Proxy |
| (1)(40)   | Statement on Schedule 14A, filed April 17, 2002.   |
| (d)(48)   | The Interpublic Outside Directors Stock Incentive Plan of the Registrant, as amended through August 1, 2003, is            |
| (1) (10)  | incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.      |
| (d)(49)   | The Interpublic 2004 Performance Incentive Plan (the "2004 PIP") is incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the         |
| (1) (=0)  | Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2004.  |
| (d)(50)   | 2004 PIP – Form of Option Certificate is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on   |
|           | Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.   |
| (d)(51)   | 2004 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current |
| (1) (20)  | Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.   |
| (d)(52)   | 2004 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's   |
| (1) (=0)  | Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.   |
| (d)(53)   | The Interpublic Non-Management Directors' Stock Incentive Plan (the "Non-Management Directors' Plan") is incorporated      |
| ( D (= 0) | by reference to Appendix C to the Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2004.      |
| (d)(54)   | Non-Management Directors' Plan –Form of Plan Option Certificate is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the        |
| (1) ()    | Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.  |
| (d)(55)   | Non-Management Directors' Plan –Form of Instrument of Restricted Shares is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to    |
| (1) (= 0) | the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.  |
| (d)(56)   | Non-Management Directors' Plan –Form of Instrument of Restricted Share Units is incorporated by reference to               |
| (1) ()    | Exhibit 10.6 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.                        |
| (d)(57)   | The Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2006) of the Registrant is incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Registrant's   |
| (1)(50)   | Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on October 21, 2005.   |
| (d)(58)   | The Interpublic 2006 Performance Incentive Plan (the "2006 PIP") is incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the         |
|           | Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 27, 2006.                              |
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to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

Letter, dated July 24, 2006, from Richard A. Goldstein to the Registrant, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)

Trust Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1990, between the Registrant, Lintas Campbell-Ewald Company, McCann-Erickson

USA, Inc., McCann-Erickson Marketing, Inc., Lintas, Inc. and Chemical Bank, as Trustee, is incorporated by reference to

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| (d)(60)   | 2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Performance Shares is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's         |
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|           | Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.  |
| (d)(61)   | 2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Performance Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's          |
|           | Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.  |
| (d)(62)   | 2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current   |
|           | Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.  |
| (d)(63)   | 2006 PIP - Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's     |
|           | Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.  |
| (d)(64)   | 2006 PIP - Form of Instrument of Nonstatutory Stock Options is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the              |
|           | Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.   |
| (d)(65)   | Interpublic Executive Severance Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly     |
|           | Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(66)   | The Interpublic Senior Executive Retirement Income Plan, Amended and Restated (the "Restated SERIP"), effective              |
|           | January 1, 2007, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for |
|           | the quarter ended September 30, 2007.  |
| (d)(67)   | Restated SERIP – Form of Restated Participation Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the       |
|           | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(68)   | Restated SERIP – Form of Participation Agreement (Form For New Participants) is incorporated by reference to                 |
|           | Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.            |
| (d)(69)   | The Interpublic Capital Accumulation Plan, Amended and Restated (the "Restated CAP"), effective January 1, 2007, is          |
|           | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(4) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended   |
|           | September 30, 2007.  |
| (d)(70)   | Restated CAP – Form of Restated Participation Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(5) to the         |
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| (d)(72)   | Description of the Change in Compensation for Non-Management Directors is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)       |
| (3) ()    | (A)(91) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.                                 |
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| (d)(76)   | The Interpublic 2009 Performance Incentive Plan (the "2009 PIP") is incorporated by reference to Appendix A to               |
| (1)(77)   | Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 2, 2009.                              |
| (d)(77)   | 2009 PIP Restricted Stock Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the Registrant's          |
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Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

 $Amendment \ to \ the \ 2006 \ PIP \ is \ incorporated \ by \ reference \ to \ Exhibit \ 10 (iii) (A) (1) \ to \ the \ Registrant's \ Quarterly \ Report \ on$ 

(d)(59)

| (d)(78)   | 2009 PIP Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to the Registrant's  |
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|           | Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.  |
| (d)(79)   | 2009 PIP Performance Share Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(4) to the Registrant's      |
|           | Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.  |
| (d)(80)   | 2009 PIP Performance Unit Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(5) to the Registrant's       |
|           | Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.  |
| (d)(81)   | 2009 PIP Combined Restricted Stock and Performance Cash Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to                   |
|           | Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(6) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.              |
| (d)(82)   | 2009 PIP Combined Restricted Stock Unit and Performance Cash Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to              |
|           | Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(7) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.              |
| (d)(83)   | 2009 PIP Non-Statutory Stock Option Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(8) to the          |
|           | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.   |
| (d)(84)   | The 2009 Non-Management Directors' Stock Incentive Plan (the "2009 NMD Plan") is incorporated by reference to             |
|           | Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(9) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.              |
| (d)(85)   | 2009 NMD Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(10) to the              |
| (1) (0.0) | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.   |
| (d)(86)   | 2009 NMD Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(11) to the         |
| (1) (07)  | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.   |
| (d)(87)   | 2009 NMD Plan Non-Statutory Stock Option Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(12) to the    |
| (1)(00)   | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.   |
| (d)(88)   | Supplement to the 2006 PIP and 2009 PIP is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(88) to the Registrant's Annual |
| (-)       | Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.   |
| (g)       | None.   |
| (h)       | None.   |

Filed herewith.

# Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

# **SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Nicholas J. Camera</u>

Name: Nicholas J. Camera

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Dated: April 29, 2010

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

| EXHIBIT INDEX |   |  |  |
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| Exhibit No.   |   |  |  |
| (a)(1)(A)*    | <u>Description</u> Offer to Purchase dated April 29, 2010.  |  |  |
| (a)(1)(B)*    | Form of Letter of Transmittal.  |  |  |
| (a)(2)-(a)(4) | None.   |  |  |
| (a)(5)*       | Press Release dated April 29, 2010.   |  |  |
| (a)(3)<br>(b) | None.   |  |  |
| (d)(1)        | Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2004, by and between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by         |  |  |
| (u)(1)        | reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(9) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.     |  |  |
| (d)(2)        | Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of January 19, 2005, between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is               |  |  |
| (u)(2)        | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 21,    |  |  |
|               | 2005.   |  |  |
| (d)(3)        | Supplemental Employment Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2005, between the Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is              |  |  |
| (4)(5)        | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on                |  |  |
|               | February 17, 2005.  |  |  |
| (d)(4)        | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2004, between the                   |  |  |
| (-)(-)        | Registrant and Michael I. Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(7) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on |  |  |
|               | Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |  |  |
| (d)(5)        | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and Michael I.           |  |  |
|               | Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(8) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter |  |  |
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| (d)(6)        | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2004, between the Registrant and                |  |  |
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|               | the quarter ended June 30, 2008.  |  |  |
| (d)(7)        | The Interpublic Senior Executive Retirement Income Plan Participation Agreement, dated March 31, 2008, between the            |  |  |
|               | Registrant and Michael Roth, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on    |  |  |
|               | Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.   |  |  |
| (d)(8)        | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of February 1, 2002, and signed as of July 1, 2002, between the Registrant      |  |  |
|               | and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(v) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on         |  |  |
|               | Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.   |  |  |
| (d)(9)        | Special Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2002, and signed as of July 1, 2002, between the Registrant     |  |  |
|               | and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(iv) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on        |  |  |
|               | Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.   |  |  |
| (d)(10)       | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated September 30, 2002, between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is              |  |  |
|               | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(vi) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended   |  |  |
|               | September 30, 2002.   |  |  |
| (d)(11)       | Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 2006 and executed on March 20, 2006, by and between the Registrant and            |  |  |
|               | Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with    |  |  |
| (1)(40)       | the SEC on March 24, 2006.  |  |  |
| (d)(12)       | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 2006, between the                 |  |  |
|               | Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(13) to the Registrant's Quarterly       |  |  |
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Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

|           | Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(14) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the   |
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|           | quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(14)   | Amendment, dated September 12, 2007, to an Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated February 1, 2002, between the           |
|           | Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(15) to the Registrant's Quarterly       |
|           | Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(15)   | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 2006, between the Registrant and              |
|           | Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-    |
|           | Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.  |
| (d)(16)   | Employment Agreement, made as of July 13, 2005, between the Registrant and Frank Mergenthaler is incorporated by              |
| (4)(10)   | reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 19, 2005.                 |
| (d)(17)   | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 18, 2005, between the                   |
| (u)(17)   | Registrant and Frank Mergenthaler, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(9) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report |
|           | on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.  |
| (4)(10)   |   |
| (d)(18)   | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between Registrant and Frank                    |
|           | Mergenthaler, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(10) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for    |
| (1) (10)  | the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(19)   | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 18, 2005, between the Registrant and                |
|           | Frank Mergenthaler, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q   |
|           | for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.  |
| (d)(20)   | Employment Agreement, made as of July 6, 2004, by and between the Registrant and Timothy Sompolski, is incorporated           |
|           | by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(11) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31,      |
|           | 2004.   |
| (d)(21)   | Amendment, made as of September 12, 2007, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 6, 2004, between the                    |
|           | Registrant and Timothy A. Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(16) to the Registrant's Quarterly     |
|           | Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(22)   | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and Timothy A.           |
| (-)()     | Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(17) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the   |
|           | quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(23)   | Amendment, dated May 1, 2008, to an Employment Agreement, made as of July 6, 2004, between the Registrant and                 |
| (u)(23)   | Timothy Sompolski, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(4) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q    |
|           | for the quarter ended June 30, 2008.  |
| (4)(24)   | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of July 1, 1986, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is             |
| (d)(24)   |   |
|           | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(e) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended                  |
| (1) (0.5) | December 31, 1995.  |
| (d)(25)   | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of May 23, 1990, to an Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of July 1, 1986,        |
|           | between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(l) to the Registrant's Annual      |
|           | Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.   |
| (d)(26)   | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of, July 1, 1992, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is            |
|           | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(q) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended                  |
|           | December 31, 1995.  |
| (d)(27)   | Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1994, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by         |
|           | reference to Exhibit 10(r) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995.               |
| (d)(28)   | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1994, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is             |
|           | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(s) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31,     |
|           | 1995.   |
| (d)(29)   | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2000, to an Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John J.              |
| (4)(20)   | Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter  |
|           | ended March 31, 2000.   |
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Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and Philippe Krakowsky, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(14) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the

| (d)(30) | Executive Special Benefit Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2002, between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., signed as of November 11, 2002, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(xv)(c) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.   |
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| (d)(31) | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2002, to an Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(xv)(a) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.   |
| (d)(32) | Supplemental Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2002, to an Executive Special Benefit Agreement between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(xv)(b) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.  |
| (d)(33) | Supplemental Agreement, made as of March 31, 2003 and executed as of April 15, 2003, to an Employment Agreement, made as of January 1, 1994, by and between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(iv)(a) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. |
| (d)(34) | Supplemental Agreement dated as of November 12, 2003, to an Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(b)(viii)(u) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.   |
| (d)(35) | Executive Change of Control Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(11) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the  |

July 1, 1992, as amended, June 1, 1994, as amended, March 1, 1997 and May 20, 2002, respectively, by and between the Registrant and John J. Dooner, Jr., is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

(d)(37)

Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of September 4, 2008, between the Registrant and Jill M. Considine, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for

quarter ended September 30, 2007.

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the quarter ended September 30, 2008. Letter, dated November 2, 2006, from Jill M. Considine to the Registrant, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(B) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

Amendment, dated as of October 27, 2008 to Executive Special Benefit Agreements, dated as of July 1, 1986, as amended,

Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2008, between the Registrant and Richard A. Goldstein, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

Letter, dated July 24, 2006, from Richard A. Goldstein to the Registrant, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

Trust Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1990, between the Registrant, Lintas Campbell-Ewald Company, McCann-Erickson USA, Inc., McCann-Erickson Marketing, Inc., Lintas, Inc. and Chemical Bank, as Trustee, is incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1990.

The 1997 Performance Incentive Plan of the Registrant is incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997.

True North Communications Inc. Stock Option Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-59254).

Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc. Stock Option Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-59254).

| (d)(45) | True North Communications Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit(c)(xiv) of the           |
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|         | Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.  |
| (d)(46) | Resolution of the Board of Directors of True North Communications Inc. adopted on March 1, 2002 amending the Deferred      |
|         | Compensation Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit(c)(xv) of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the    |
|         | year ended December 31, 2002.  |
| (d)(47) | The 2002 Performance Incentive Plan of the Registrant is incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Proxy |
|         | Statement on Schedule 14A, filed April 17, 2002.   |
| (d)(48) | The Interpublic Outside Directors Stock Incentive Plan of the Registrant, as amended through August 1, 2003, is            |
|         | incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.      |
| (d)(49) | The Interpublic 2004 Performance Incentive Plan (the "2004 PIP") is incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the         |
|         | Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2004.  |
| (d)(50) | 2004 PIP – Form of Option Certificate is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on   |
|         | Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.   |
| (d)(51) | 2004 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current |

Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.

Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.

(d)(53) The Interpublic Non-Management Directors' Stock Incentive Plan (the "Non-Management Directors' Plan") is incorporated by reference to Appendix C to the Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2004.

(d)(54) Non-Management Directors' Plan —Form of Plan Option Certificate is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.

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the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.

Non-Management Directors' Plan –Form of Instrument of Restricted Share Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 27, 2004.

The Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2006) of the Registrant is incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on October 21, 2005.

Non-Management Directors' Plan -Form of Instrument of Restricted Shares is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to

2004 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's

The Interpublic 2006 Performance Incentive Plan (the "2006 PIP") is incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 27, 2006.

Amendment to the 2006 PIP is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Performance Shares is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.

2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Performance Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.

2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.

(d)(63) 2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Restricted Stock Units is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.

| (d)(64)   | 2006 PIP – Form of Instrument of Nonstatutory Stock Options is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the              |
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|           | Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 21, 2006.   |
| (d)(65)   | Interpublic Executive Severance Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly     |
|           | Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(66)   | The Interpublic Senior Executive Retirement Income Plan, Amended and Restated (the "Restated SERIP"), effective              |
|           | January 1, 2007, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(1) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for |
|           | the quarter ended September 30, 2007.  |
| (d)(67)   | Restated SERIP – Form of Restated Participation Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(2) to the       |
|           | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(68)   | Restated SERIP – Form of Participation Agreement (Form For New Participants) is incorporated by reference to                 |
|           | Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.            |
| (d)(69)   | The Interpublic Capital Accumulation Plan, Amended and Restated (the "Restated CAP"), effective January 1, 2007, is          |
|           | incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(4) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended   |
|           | September 30, 2007.  |
| (d)(70)   | Restated CAP – Form of Restated Participation Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(5) to the         |
|           | Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.   |
| (d)(71)   | Restated CAP – Form of Participation Agreement (Form For New Participants), is incorporated by reference to                  |
|           | Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(6) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.            |
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| (1) (50)  | (13) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.                                  |
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| (1) (77)  | Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 2, 2009.                              |
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2009 PIP Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(3) to the Registrant's

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2009 PIP Performance Unit Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(5) to the Registrant's

2009 PIP Combined Restricted Stock and Performance Cash Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(6) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. 2009 PIP Combined Restricted Stock Unit and Performance Cash Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to

Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(7) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

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2009 PIP Non-Statutory Stock Option Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(8) to the (d)(83)Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. The 2009 Non-Management Directors' Stock Incentive Plan (the "2009 NMD Plan") is incorporated by reference to (d)(84)Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(9) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. 2009 NMD Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(10) to the (d)(85)Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. (d)(86)

2009 NMD Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(11) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

2009 NMD Plan Non-Statutory Stock Option Award Agreement is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(12) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

Supplement to the 2006 PIP and 2009 PIP is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(iii)(A)(88) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

None. None.

Filed herewith.

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# THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Offer to Purchase for Cash
Up to 370,000 Shares of
5¼% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock
(CUSIP Nos. 460690 407 and 460690 803)
(Aggregate Liquidation Preference of \$370,000,000)

This Tender Offer (as defined below) will expire at midnight, New York City time, on May 26, 2010, unless extended or earlier terminated by us (such date and time, as the same may be extended, the "Expiration Time").

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company," "we," "us" or "our"), hereby offers (the "Tender Offer") to purchase for cash, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, this "Offer to Purchase") and the accompanying Letter of Transmittal (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Letter of Transmittal" and, together with this Offer to Purchase, the "Offer Documents"), up to 370,000 shares of our outstanding 5¼% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share) (the "Preferred Shares") at the Purchase Price (as defined below). Assuming we accept for purchase the full 370,000 Preferred Shares for which we are tendering and that we pay the maximum Purchase Price (as defined below), we will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of Accrued Dividends (as defined below), (the "Maximum Payment Amount")) in the Tender Offer. As of April 28, 2010, 525,000 Preferred Shares were outstanding.

We will fix the purchase price per Preferred Share (the "Purchase Price") promptly after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") on May 24, 2010, which is the second scheduled trading day prior to the date of the Expiration Time (such date, as it may be extended, the "Pricing Date"), and we will announce such Purchase Price no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date. The Purchase Price will be calculated as the sum of 54.893 multiplied by the Weighted Average Price (as defined herein), plus \$438.95, subject to a minimum Purchase Price of \$768.31 and a maximum Pu rchase Price of \$1,070.22. In addition to the Purchase Price, Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will also be paid accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the Payment Date (as defined below) (such accrued and unpaid dividends, the "Accrued Dividends") on such Preferred Shares that are accepted for purchase by us. No tenders of Preferred Shares will be valid if submitted after the Expiration Time.

Throughout the Tender Offer, an indicative Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic and from the Information Agent and Depositary or the Dealer Managers (each, as defined herein) at their respective telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. The Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of this Offer or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of any of the Offer Documents. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Our obligation to accept for purchase, and to pay for, Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions (as defined herein). See "Conditions to the Tender Offer." The Tender Offer is not conditioned on any minimum number of Preferred Shares being tendered.

Preferred Shares previously tendered may be withdrawn at or prior to the Expiration Time. Except under certain limited conditions described herein, Preferred Shares previously tendered may not be withdrawn after the Expiration Time. Only Preferred Shares that are validly tendered will be purchased. However, acceptance of tendered Preferred Shares for purchase may be subject to proration in the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed as described in this Offer to Purchase. In the event of termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer without any Preferred Shares being purchased or if any tendered Preferred Shares are not accepted for purchase due to proration, such Preferred Shares tendered by Holders pursuant to the Tender Offer that are not purchased will be promptly returned to such tendering Holders.

Any questions or requests for assistance concerning the Tender Offer may be directed to Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (together, the "*Dealer Managers*") at their respective addresses and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Requests for additional copies of this Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal may be directed to Global Bondholder Services Corporation, the information agent and depositary for the Tender Offer (the "*Information Agent and Depositary*") at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Beneficial owners may also contact their custodians for assistance concerning the Tender Offer.

The Payment Date with respect to the Tender Offer is expected to be promptly following the Expiration Time, assuming all conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived. Payment for any Preferred Shares accepted for purchase will be made in immediately available (same-day) funds. Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of funds to Holders of Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer.

The Dealer Managers for the Tender Offer are:

Morgan Stanley Citi

NONE OF THE COMPANY, THE DEALER MANAGERS OR THE INFORMATION AGENT AND DEPOSITARY (EACH AS DEFINED HEREIN) MAKES ANY RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HOLDERS SHOULD TENDER THEIR PREFERRED SHARES PURSUANT TO THE TENDER OFFER. EACH HOLDER MUST MAKE ITS OWN DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO TENDER ITS PREFERRED SHARES AND, IF TENDERING, THE NUMBER OF PREFERRED SHARES TO TENDER. HOLDERS ARE URGED TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE OFFER DOCUMENTS.

THE TENDER OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE TO (NOR WILL PREFERRED SHARES BE ACCEPTED FROM OR ON BEHALF OF) HOLDERS OF PREFERRED SHARES IN ANY JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE MAKING OR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TENDER OFFER WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF SUCH JURISDICTION. IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS WHERE THE SECURITIES, BLUE SKY OR OTHER LAWS REQUIRE THE TENDER OFFER TO BE MADE BY A LICENSED BROKER OR DEALER, THE TENDER OFFER WILL BE DEEMED TO BE MADE ON OUR BEHALF BY THE DEALER MANAGERS OR ONE OR MORE REGISTERED BROKERS OR DEALERS LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF SUCH JURISDICTION. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS OFFER TO PURCHASE OR ANY DOCUMENT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN NOR THE PURCHASE OF PREFERRED SHARES BY US WILL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFER TO PURCHASE OR IN ANY DOCUMENT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN IS CURRENT AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF SUCH DOCUMENT.

NO DEALER, SALESPERSON OR OTHER PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THE OFFER DOCUMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED THEREIN OR IN THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATION MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE COMPANY, THE DEALER MANAGERS OR THE INFORMATION AGENT AND DEPOSITARY. THE DELIVERY OF THE OFFER DOCUMENTS WILL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CREATE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN OUR AFFAIRS SINCE THE DATE THEREOF, OR THAT THE INFORMATION THEREIN IS CORRECT AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE THEREOF.

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#### **IMPORTANT**

Any beneficial owner of Preferred Shares desiring to tender Preferred Shares should request such beneficial owner's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to effect the transaction on behalf of such beneficial owner, and to transmit an Agent's Message in connection with tenders made through ATOP (as defined below). See "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares."

There are no guaranteed delivery procedures provided by us in order to validly tender Preferred Shares in the Tender Offer. See "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares."

Consummation of the Tender Offer may have adverse consequences for holders of Preferred Shares (each a "Holder" and, collectively, the "Holders") that do not validly tender their Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer. The trading markets for any Preferred Shares not validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer are likely to be significantly more limited in the future if the Tender Offer is consummated. See "Certain Significant Considerations."

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") participants that hold Preferred Shares on behalf of beneficial owners of Preferred Shares through DTC must tender their Preferred Shares through the DTC Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP"). To effect such a tender, DTC participants should transmit their acceptance through ATOP and follow the procedure for book-entry transfer set forth in "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares—Book-Entry Delivery Procedures." A beneficial owner of Preferred Shares that are held through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee must instruct such broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to tender the Preferred Shares on the beneficial owner's behalf should such beneficial owner wish to participate in the Tender Offer. See "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares—Tender of Preferred Shares Held Through a Custodian."

Tenders of Preferred Shares may be withdrawn at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time but not thereafter unless required by law. For a withdrawal of tendered Preferred Shares to be valid, such withdrawal must comply with the procedures set forth in "Withdrawal of Tenders."

Subject to applicable law and the terms and conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase, we expressly reserve the right, at or prior to the Expiration Time, (i) assuming the conditions to the Tender Offer are not satisfied or waived, to terminate the Tender Offer and not accept for purchase any Preferred Shares not theretofore accepted for purchase, (ii) to waive any and all of the conditions to the Tender Offer, (iii) to extend the Expiration Time or (iv) to amend the terms of the Tender Offer. The foregoing rights are in addition to our right to delay acceptance for purchase of Preferred Shares tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer or the payment for Preferred Shares accepted for purchase in order to comply in whole or in part with any applicable law, subject to Rule 14e-1(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), which requires that an offeror pay the consideration offered or return the securities deposited by or on behalf of the holders thereof promptly after the termination or withdrawal of a tender offer.

If we make a material change in the terms of the Tender Offer or the information concerning the Tender Offer, we will publicly announce such changes or information or disseminate additional offering materials and extend the Tender Offer to the extent required by law. If the Tender Offer is amended at or prior to the Expiration Time in a manner determined by us to constitute a material adverse change to the Holders, we will promptly disclose such amendment and, if necessary, extend the Tender Offer for a period deemed by us to be adequate and in compliance with applicable law to permit Holders to withdraw their Preferred Shares. If the consideration to be paid in the Tender Offer is increased or decreased, the Maximum Payment Amount or the number of Preferred Shares subject to the Tender Offer is increased or the pricing form ula, minimum Purchase Price or maximum Purchase Price is changed, if required by applicable law, the Tender Offer will remain open at least ten business days from the date we first give notice to Holders of such Preferred Shares, by public announcement or otherwise, of such change, increase or decrease. In addition, we may, if we deem appropriate, extend the Tender Offer for any other reason.

Any termination, extension or amendment will be followed promptly by public announcement thereof, the announcement in the case of an extension of the Tender Offer to be issued no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time. Without limiting the manner in which any public announcement may be made, we will have no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement other than by issuing a press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service.

Only Preferred Shares that are validly tendered will be purchased. In this Offer to Purchase, we have used the convention of referring to all Preferred Shares that have been validly tendered and not validly withdrawn as having been "validly tendered."

In the event that the Tender Offer is terminated or withdrawn on or prior to the Acceptance Date, or if any tendered Preferred Shares are not accepted for purchase due to proration, the Purchase Price with respect to these Preferred Shares will not be paid or become payable to Holders of the Preferred Shares that have validly tendered their Preferred Shares in connection with the Tender Offer. In any such event, the Preferred Shares previously tendered by Holders of the Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will be promptly returned to such tendering Holders.

Tendering Holders will not be obligated to pay brokerage fees or commissions or the fees and expenses of the Dealer Managers or the Information Agent and Depositary in connection with the Tender Offer. See "Fees and Expenses." If a Holder holds Preferred Shares through a broker or bank, such Holder should consult that institution as to whether it charges any service fee to tender the Preferred Shares.

Questions and requests for assistance may be directed to the Information Agent and Depositary or to the Dealer Managers, at their respective addresses and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Additional copies of this Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal and other related materials may be obtained from the Information Agent and Depositary. Beneficial owners may also contact their brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies or other nominees through which they hold Preferred Shares with questions and requests for assistance.

This Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal contain important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Tender Offer.

Certain of the statements in this Offer to Purchase and the documents incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase constitute forward-looking statements which involve certain risks. For information on these and other risks, please see "Forward-Looking Statements" below and the disclosures under the captions "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010.

| Date/Time                       | Calendar Date and Time   | <u>Event</u>  |
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| Pricing Date                    | Promptly after the close of trading on May 24, 2010, which is the second scheduled trading day prior to the date of the Expiration Time.   | The date we will determine the Purchase Price for the Preferred Shares. The Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic no later than 9:00a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date.   |
| Expiration Time                 | Midnight, New York City time, on May 26, 2010, unless extended or unless the Tender Offer is terminated earlier by us.   | The last day and time for Holders to tender Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer in order to be eligible to receive the Purchase Price on the Payment Date.  |
|                                 |  | The last day and time for Holders to validly withdraw tendered Preferred Shares.  |
| Acceptance Date                 | For Preferred Shares that have been validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time, we expect to accept such Preferred Shares for purchase promptly following the Expiration Time assuming all of the conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived. This date is expected to be May 27, 2010 if the Expiration Time is not extended.  | Acceptance for purchase by us of all Preferred Shares validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time.  |
| Preliminary Result of Proration | The preliminary result of proration, if any, will be announced by press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service promptly after the Expiration Time. This date is expected to be May 27, 2010 if the Expiration Time is not extended.   | If proration is necessary in the event that the Tender is oversubscribed, the announcement of preliminary result of such proration.   |
| Payment Date                    | For Preferred Shares that have been validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time and that are accepted for purchase, settlement will occur on the Payment Date, which is expected to be promptly following the Expiration Time assuming all of the conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived. This date is expected to be May 27, 2010 if the Expiration Time is not extended and if proration is not necessary. | Payment of the Purchase Price and Accrued Dividends for all Preferred Shares validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time and that are accepted for purchase.  |
| Final Result of Proration       | The final results of proration, if any, is expected to be announced, and payment for all Preferred Shares accepted for purchase is expected to be made within two business days after the Expiration Time. This date is expected to be May 28, 2010 if the Expiration Time is not extended   | If proration is necessary in the event that the Tender is oversubscribed, the announcement of final result of such proration and payment of the Purchase Price and Accrued Dividends for all Preferred Shares validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time and that are accepted for purchase. |

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this Offer to Purchase the information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to Holders by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be an important part of this Offer to Purchase as a legal matter. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update information in this Offer to Purchase. In all cases, Holders should rely on the later information over different information included in this Offer to Purchase. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act:

- · our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on February 26, 2010;
- · our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on April 29, 2010;
- · our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 22, 2010, January 26, 2010 and March 11, 2010; and
- · our definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 19, 2010.

All documents we file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Offer to Purchase will also be incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase from the date of filing of such documents. Upon request, we will provide to each person to whom this Offer to Purchase is delivered a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase but not delivered with this Offer to Purchase.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Holders may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference rooms at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Holders can also request copies of the documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing the Public Reference Section of the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800- SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. These SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov.

For further information, please refer to our Issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 13e-4 under the Exchange Act on April 29, 2010, and any amendment thereto (the "Schedule TO").

This information is also available on the investor relations page of our web site at http://www.interpublic.com. Information included or available through our website does not constitute a part of this Offer to Purchase. Holders may also request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. 1114 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 Attention: Investor Relations (212) 704-1200

We are responsible for the information contained and incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase. We have not authorized anyone to give you any other information, and we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. Holders should not assume that the information in this Offer to Purchase or any documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of the applicable document.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND OTHER FACTORS

This Offer to Purchase contains forward-looking statements. Our representatives may also make forward-looking statements orally from time to time. Statements in this Offer to Purchase that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations, constitute forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to change based on a number of factors. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- § potential effects of a challenging economy, for example, on the demand for our advertising and marketing services, on our clients' financial condition, and on our business or financial condition;
- § our ability to attract new clients and retain existing clients;
- § our ability to retain and attract key employees;
- § risks associated with assumptions we make in connection with our critical accounting estimates, including changes in assumptions associated with any effects of a weakened economy;
- § potential adverse effects if we are required to recognize impairment charges or other adverse accounting-related developments;
- § risks associated with the effects of global, national and regional economic and political conditions, including counterparty risks and fluctuations in economic growth rates, interest rates and currency exchange rates; and
- § developments from changes in the regulatory and legal environment for advertising and marketing and communications services companies around the world.

When considering these forward-looking statements, Holders should keep in mind the cautionary statements in this Offer to Purchase, including those under "Certain Significant Considerations," and the documents incorporated by reference herein and in our other SEC filings, including the more detailed discussion of these factors, as well as other factors that could affect our results, contained under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, which are incorporated by reference herein.

#### **SUMMARY**

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase. Holders of Preferred Shares are urged to read the Offer Documents in their entirety because they contain the full details of the Tender Offer. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this summary have the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in this Offer to Purchase.

Company

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

**Preferred Shares** 

Shares of 514% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share) (CUSIP Nos. 460690 407 and 460690 803). As of April 28, 2010, 525,000 Preferred Shares were outstanding.

The Tender Offer

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in this Offer to Purchase, we are offering to purchase for cash up to 370,000 shares of our outstanding Preferred Shares at the Purchase Price, subject to proration. Assuming we accept for purchase the full 370,000 Preferred Shares for which we are tendering and that we pay the maximum Purchase Price, we will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of Accrued Dividends) in the Tender Offer. See "Terms of the Tender Offer."

**Proration** 

Acceptance of tendered Preferred Shares for purchase may be subject to proration in the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed. In the event that the number of Preferred Shares validly tendered by the Expiration Time is greater than 370,000, we will, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer, purchase Preferred Shares on a pro rata basis. If proration of tendered Preferred Shares is necessary, we will determine the proration factor promptly following the Expiration Time, with appropriate adjustments to avoid purchase of fractional shares. Proration for each Holder tendering Preferred Shares will be based on the ratio of the number of Preferred Shares tendered by the Holder to the total number of Preferred Shares tendered by all Holders. We expect to announce the final result of the proration, if any, and to make payment for all Preferred Shares accepted for purchase within two business days after the Expiration Time. The preliminary results of any proration will be announced by press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service promptly after the Expiration Time.

**Purchase Price** 

The Purchase Price for each Preferred Share validly tendered will be calculated promptly after the close of trading on the NYSE on May 24, 2010, the second scheduled trading day prior to the date of the Expiration Time (such date, as it may be extended, the "*Pricing Date*"). If trading is suspended on a scheduled trading day between the Pricing Date and the date of the Expiration Time, we will extend the Expiration Time accordingly. If the Purchase Price has been calculated on the scheduled Pricing Date and the date of the Expiration Time is extended by more than three business days, the Purchase Price shall be recalculated based on a new Pricing Date that is two trading days prior to the extended Expiration Date. The Purchase Price will be calculated as the sum of 54.893 multiplied by the Weighted Average Price, plus \$438.95, subject to a minimum Purchase Price of \$768.31 and a maximum Purchase Price of \$1,070.22 per Preferred Share.

For purposes of the Purchase Price calculation, "Weighted Average Price" means the arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of our Common Stock, beginning on May 18, 2010 and ending on the Pricing Date. The daily volume-weighted average price shall equal the per share dollar volume-weighted average price for our Common Stock during the period beginning at 9:30 a.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official open of trading at the NYSE) and ending at 4:00 p.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official close of trading at the NYSE) as reported by Bloomberg Financial Services through its "Volume at Price" (IPG <Equity> VAP <Go>) functions (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market price of one share of Common Stock on such trading day determined, using a volume-weighted average method, by a nationally recognized investment banking firm retained by us for this purpose). The Weighted Average Price and the variable cash component of the Purchase Price will be rounded to the nearest whole cent. See "Terms of the Tender Offor"

Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will be eligible to receive payment of the Purchase Price, plus Accrued Dividends, for each Preferred Share validly tendered, payable in cash.

We will calculate the Purchase Price promptly after the close of trading on the NYSE on the Pricing Date and will announce such Purchase Price no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date. The Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date. Throughout the Tender Offer, an indicative Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic and from the Information Agent and Depositary or the Dealer Managers at their respective telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. See "Terms of the Tender Offer."

In addition to the Purchase Price, Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will also be paid accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the Payment Date on such Preferred Shares that are accepted for purchase by us pursuant to the Tender Offer.

There is no established trading market for the Preferred Shares. The closing price of our Common Stock on the NYSE on April 28, 2010 was \$9.27 per share. Based on such closing price and the current conversion rate of 73.1904 shares of our Common Stock per Preferred Share (subject to adjustment in certain events), if any Holder converted its Preferred Share into our Common Stock on such date, such Holder would have received shares of our Common Stock with a market value of approximately \$678.48.

If, on the Pricing Date, the Weighted Average Price of our Common Stock is \$9.27, then Holders that have validly tendered Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will be eligible to receive \$947.81, plus Accrued Dividends, for each tendered Preferred Share, subject to proration.

# Calculation of Purchase Price

# **Accrued Dividends**

# **Market Information**

The Preferred Shares are convertible at an initial conversion price, subject to adjustment, of approximately \$13.66 per share (73.1904 shares of Common Stock per Preferred Share). On or after October 15, 2010, we may cause Preferred Shares to be automatically converted into shares of our Common Stock at the then-prevailing conversion rate if the closing price of our Common Stock multiplied by the conversion rate then in effect equals or exceeds 130% of the liquidation preference for 20 trading days during any consecutive 30 trading day period. Upon the occurrence of a fundamental change, if the market value of our Common Stock on the effective date of such fundamental change multiplied by the conversion rate then in effect is less than the liquidation preference of the Preferred Shares, holders of the Preferred Shares have a one-time option to convert all of their outstanding Preferred Shares at an adjusted conversion rate equal to the lesser of: (1) the liquidation preference of the Preferred Shares divided by the market value of our Common Stock as of the effective date of the fundamental change, and (2) 146.3808. In lieu of issuing shares of our Common Stock, we may, at our option, make a cash payment equal to the aggregate market value of shares of such Common Stock.

Holders are urged to contact their brokers with respect to current information regarding the Preferred Shares. See "Market and Trading Information."

The Tender Offer will expire at midnight, New York City time, on May 26, 2010, unless extended or earlier terminated by us. See "Terms of the Tender Offer."

The purpose of the Tender Offer is to reduce the number of Preferred Shares outstanding and to reduce the amount of non-tax deductible cash dividend payments we are obligated to make in the future and to eliminate potential dilutive effect on our Common Stock upon conversion of Preferred Stock into shares of our Common Stock.

Our obligation to accept for purchase, and pay for, Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions, including the condition that the Weighted Average Price is not less than \$5.25. See "Conditions to the Tender Offer." The Tender Offer is not conditioned on any minimum number of Preferred Shares being tendered.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer and upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions thereto, we will accept for purchase and pay for Preferred Shares validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time, subject to proration.

Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will be eligible to receive payment of the Purchase Price, plus Accrued Dividends, if such Preferred Shares are accepted for purchase (the date of such acceptance, the "Acceptance Date," and the date of such payment, the "Payment Date"). The Payment Date is expected to be promptly following the Expiration Time, assuming all conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived. See "Acceptance for Purchase and Payment for Preferred Shares."

Purpose of the Tender Offer

**Conditions to the Tender Offer** 

# Acceptance for Purchase and Payment for Preferred Shares

#### Withdrawal of Tenders

Tenders of Preferred Shares may be validly withdrawn at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time by following the procedures described under "Withdrawal of Tenders." Tendered Preferred Shares may not be withdrawn subsequent to the Expiration Time, provided, however, that tenders of Preferred Shares may be validly withdrawn if the Tender Offer is terminated without any Preferred Shares being purchased thereunder. Any Preferred Shares validly withdrawn will thereafter be deemed not validly tendered for purposes of the Tender Offer; however, withdrawn Preferred Shares may be re-tendered by again following one of the appropriate procedures described herein at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time. See "Withdrawal of Tenders."

Source of Funds

We will use available cash on hand up to the Maximum Payment Amount to satisfy any amounts required to purchase the Preferred Shares on the Payment Date.

Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences For a summary of certain United States federal income tax consequences of the Tender Offer, see "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences."

**Certain Significant Considerations** 

For a discussion of certain significant factors Holders should consider in deciding whether to participate in the Tender Offer, see "Certain Significant Considerations."

The Dealer Managers

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. are serving as the Dealer Managers for the Tender Offer. The address and telephone numbers of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. appear on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase.

The Information Agent and Depositary

Global Bondholder Services Corporation is serving as the Information Agent and Depositary for the Tender Offer. The address and telephone numbers of the Information Agent and Depositary appear on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase.

Assistance; Further Information; Additional **Documentation** 

Any questions or requests for assistance concerning the Tender Offer may be directed to the Dealer Managers at their respective addresses and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Requests for additional copies of this Offer to Purchase and the Letter of Transmittal may be directed to the Information Agent and Depositary at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Beneficial owners may also contact their custodians for assistance concerning the Tender Offer.

Additional copies of the documents incorporated by reference herein may be obtained as described under "Available Information and Incorporation of Documents by Reference."

#### TERMS OF THE TENDER OFFER

We hereby offer to purchase for cash up to 370,000 shares of our outstanding Preferred Shares at the Purchase Price, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase, including proration provisions. Assuming we accept for purchase the full 370,000 Preferred Shares for which we are tendering and that we pay the maximum Purchase Price, we will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of Accrued Dividends) in the Tender Offer. As of April 28, 2010, 525,000 Preferred Shares were outstanding.

The Purchase Price for each Preferred Share validly tendered will be calculated promptly after the close of trading on the NYSE on the Pricing Date, as the sum of 54.893 multiplied by the Weighted Average Price, plus \$438.95, per Preferred Share, subject to a minimum Purchase Price of \$768.31 and a maximum Purchase Price of \$1,070.22 per Preferred Share. If trading is suspended on a scheduled trading day between the Pricing Date and the date of the Expiration Time, we will extend the Expiration Time accordingly. If the Purchase Price has been calculated on the scheduled Pricing Date and the date of the Expiration Time is extended by more than three business days, the Purchase Price shall be recalculated based on a new Pricing Date that is two trading days prior to the extended Expiration Date. Holders that validly t ender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will be eligible to receive payment of the Purchase Price for each Preferred Share accepted for purchase by us, subject to proration in the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed.

For purposes of the Purchase Price calculation, "Weighted Average Price" means the arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of our Common Stock, beginning on May 18, 2010 and ending on the Pricing Date. The daily volume-weighted average price shall equal the per share dollar volume-weighted average price for our Common Stock during the period beginning at 9:30 a.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official open of trading at the NYSE) and ending at 4:00 p.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official close of trading at the NYSE) as reported by Bloomberg Financial Services through its "Volume at Price" (IPG <Equity> VAP<Go>) functions (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market price of one share of Common Stock on such trading day determined, using a volume-weighted average method, by a nationally recognized investment banking firm retained by us for this purpose). The Weighted Average Price and the variable cash component of the Purchase Price will be rounded to the nearest whole cent.

In addition to the Purchase Price, Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will also be paid accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the Payment Date on such Preferred Shares that are accepted for purchase by us. Accrued Dividends will be calculated (based upon the number of days elapsed during the period from the last dividend payment to, but not including, the Payment Date) on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer (including, if the Tender Offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any such extension or amendment) and applicable law, payment of the Purchase Price for all Preferred Shares validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time and that are accepted for purchase by us pursuant to the Tender Offer will occur on the Payment Date, which is expected to be promptly following the Expiration Time, assuming all conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived. This date is expected to be May 27, 2010 if the Expiration Time is not extended and if proration is not necessary. Payment for any such Preferred Shares will be made in immediately available (same-day) funds. Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of funds to Holders of Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer.

Holders that desire to tender their Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer and receive the Purchase Price for such tendered Preferred Shares must validly tender and not validly withdraw such Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time. The Expiration Time for the Tender Offer will be midnight, New York City time, on May 26, 2010, unless extended or earlier terminated by us.

All Preferred Shares validly tendered in accordance with the procedures set forth under "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares" and not validly withdrawn in accordance with the procedures set forth under "Withdrawal of Tenders," at or prior to the Expiration Time will, upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, including satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions, be accepted for purchase by us, subject to proration in the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed. Therefore, if the Tender Offer is oversubscribed, all of the Preferred Shares that a Holder validly tenders in the Tender Offer may not be accepted for purchase even if they are not validly withdrawn prior to the Expiration Time.

Acceptance of tendered Preferred Shares for purchase may be subject to proration in the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed. In the event that the number of Preferred Shares validly tendered by the Expiration Time is greater than 370,000 Preferred Shares, we will, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer, purchase Preferred Shares on a pro rata basis.

If proration of tendered Preferred Shares is necessary, we will determine the proration factor promptly following the Expiration Time, with appropriate adjustments to avoid purchase of fractional shares. Proration for each Holder tendering Preferred Shares will be based on the ratio of the number of Preferred Shares tendered by the Holder to the total number of Preferred Shares tendered by all Holders. We expect to announce the final result of the proration, if any, and to make payment for all Preferred Shares accepted for purchase within two business days after the Expiration Time. The preliminary results of any proration will be announced by press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service promptly after the Expiration Time. After the Expiration Time, Holders may obtain preliminary proration information from the Information and Depositary.

Our obligation to accept for purchase, and pay for, Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer is conditioned upon satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions. Subject to applicable law and the terms and conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase, we expressly reserve the right, at or prior to the Expiration Time, (i) assuming the conditions to the Tender Offer are not satisfied or waived, to terminate the Tender Offer and not accept for purchase any Preferred Shares not theretofore accepted for purchase, (ii) to waive any and all of the conditions to the Tender Offer, (iii) to extend the Expiration Time or (iv) to amend the terms of the Tender Offer. See "Conditions to the Tender Offer." The rights reserved by us in this paragraph are in addition to our rights to terminate the Tender Offer as described under "Conditions to the Tender Offer."

If we make a material change in the terms of the Tender Offer or the information concerning the Tender Offer, we will publicly announce such changes or information or disseminate additional offering materials and extend the Tender Offer to the extent required by law. If the consideration to be paid in the Tender Offer is increased or decreased, the Maximum Payment Amount or the number of Preferred Shares subject to the Tender Offer is increased or decreased or the pricing formula, minimum Purchase Price or maximum Purchase Price is changed, if required by applicable law, the Tender Offer will remain open at least ten business days from the date we first give notice to Holders of Preferred Shares, by public announcement or otherwise, of such change, increase or decrease. In addition, we may, if we deem appropriate, e xtend the Tender Offer for any other reason.

Any termination, extension or amendment of the Tender Offer will be followed promptly by public announcement thereof, the announcement in the case of an extension of the Tender Offer to be issued no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time. Without limiting the manner in which any public announcement may be made, we will have no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement other than by issuing a press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service.

Sample Calculations of the Purchase Price. For purposes of illustration, the table below indicates the total Purchase Price (and fixed and variable components thereof) that would be payable on the basis of the formula described above with respect to each Preferred Share, assuming a range of Weighted Average Prices as indicated in the left hand column. The actual Weighted Average Price may be higher or lower than the assumed Weighted Average Prices below. The actual Purchase Price will be subject to the minimum and maximum Purchase Prices described above.

| Assumed Weighted | Variable Component of | Fixed Component of | Total Purchase Price |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Average Price    | Purchase Price        | Purchase Price     |                      |
| \$6.00           | \$329.36              | \$438.95           | \$768.31             |
| \$6.50           | \$356.80              | \$438.95           | \$795.75             |
| \$7.00           | \$384.25              | \$438.95           | \$823.20             |
| \$7.50           | \$411.70              | \$438.95           | \$850.65             |
| \$8.00           | \$439.14              | \$438.95           | \$878.09             |
| \$8.50           | \$466.59              | \$438.95           | \$905.54             |
| \$9.00           | \$494.04              | \$438.95           | \$932.99             |
| \$9.50           | \$521.48              | \$438.95           | \$960.43             |
| \$10.00          | \$548.93              | \$438.95           | \$987.88             |
| \$10.50          | \$576.38              | \$438.95           | \$1,105.33           |
| \$11.00          | \$603.82              | \$438.95           | \$1,042.77           |
| \$11.50          | \$631.27              | \$438.95           | \$1,070.22           |

We will pay Accrued Dividends in addition to the Purchase Price shown above in respect of each Preferred Share that is validly tendered and accepted for purchase by us, subject to proration.

Holders of Preferred Shares may obtain information on the daily volume weighted prices and closing prices with respect to our Common Stock throughout the Tender Offer by calling the Information Agent and Depositary or the Dealer Managers for the Tender Offer, at their respective telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. In addition, throughout the Tender Offer, an indicative Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic and from the Information Agent and Depositary or the Dealer Managers at their respective telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. The Purchase Price will be available at http://www.gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date.

Retirement of Preferred Shares. Any Preferred Shares not tendered or tendered but not accepted for purchase because such Preferred Shares were not validly tendered or as a result of proration will remain outstanding upon completion of the Tender Offer. All Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for purchase by us in the Tender Offer will be retired and such shares retired will return to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock of the Company.

Accounting Treatment of Repurchases of the Preferred Shares in the Tender Offer. Any Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for purchase by us in the Tender Offer will be accounted for in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic, *Earnings Per Share*, 260-10-S55-S99-2.

Upon consummation of the Tender Offer, the liquidation preference of the Preferred Shares purchased in the Offer will be removed from stockholders' equity, and the difference between the Purchase Price and the liquidation preference will be recorded as an adjustment to the Company's retained earnings. The difference between the liquidation preference, less the allocable portion of the original issuance costs, and the sum of the Purchase Price and Accrued Dividends will result in an adjustment to the Company's earnings (loss) per share calculation as an adjustment to net income (loss) available to common shareholders.

Ownership of Preferred Shares. None of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of the executive officers or directors of the Company or any associate or majority owned subsidiary of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of the executive officers or directors of the Company, beneficially owns or has a right to acquire any of the Preferred Shares. None of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of the persons or entities referred to in the preceding sentence or any of their executive officers, directors or subsidiaries has effected any transaction in the Preferred Shares during the past 60 days. To the knowledge of the Company, we will not acquire any Preferred Shares from any of our directors, officers or affi liates pursuant to the Tender Offer.

#### PURPOSE OF THE TENDER OFFER

The purpose of the Tender Offer is to reduce the number of Preferred Shares outstanding and to reduce the amount of non-tax deductible cash dividend payments we are obligated make in the future and to eliminate potential dilutive effect on our Common Stock upon conversion of Preferred Stock into shares of our Common Stock. We expect to use available cash on hand to purchase Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer and accepted for purchase by us. We will not be required to accept for purchase, or pay for, Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer if the conditions to the Tender Offer are not satisfied or waived. See "Certain Significant Considerations."

NONE OF THE COMPANY, THE DEALER MANAGERS OR THE INFORMATION AGENT AND DEPOSITARY MAKES ANY RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HOLDERS SHOULD TENDER THEIR PREFERRED SHARES PURSUANT TO THE TENDER OFFER. EACH HOLDER MUST MAKE ITS OWN DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO TENDER ITS PREFERRED SHARES AND, IF TENDERING, THE NUMBER OF PREFERRED SHARES TO TENDER. HOLDERS ARE URGED TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE OFFER DOCUMENTS.

Whether or not the Tender Offer is consummated, from time to time after the tenth business day following the Expiration Time, or after termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer, we or our affiliates may acquire any Preferred Shares that are not tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer through openmarket purchases, privately negotiated transactions, tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions or otherwise, upon such terms and at such prices as we or our affiliates may determine, which may be more or less than the price to be paid pursuant to the Tender Offer and could be for cash or other consideration. There can be no assurance as to which, if any, of these alternatives or combinations thereof we or our affiliates will choose to pursue in the future. See "Certain Significant Considerations—Repurchases of the Preferred Shares."

#### SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS

We will use available cash on hand to satisfy any amounts required to pay the Purchase Price, together with Accrued Dividends, for the Preferred Shares on the Payment Date and anticipated fees and expenses in connection with the Tender Offer. Assuming we accept for purchase the full 370,000 Preferred Shares for which we are tendering and that we pay the maximum Purchase Price, we will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of Accrued Dividends) in the Tender Offer.

#### THE COMPANY

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. is one of the world's premier global advertising and marketing services companies. Our agencies create marketing programs for clients in every major world market. These companies deliver services across the full spectrum of marketing disciplines and specialties, including advertising, direct marketing, media buying and planning, public relations, events marketing, internet and search engine marketing, social media marketing and mobile marketing.

The work we produce for our clients is specific to their unique needs. Our solutions vary from project-based activity involving one agency and its client to long-term, fully integrated campaigns created by a group of our companies working together on behalf of a client. With offices in over 100 countries, we can operate in a single region or align work globally across all major world markets.

Major global brands include Draftfcb, FutureBrand, GolinHarris International, Initiative, Jack Morton Worldwide, Lowe Worldwide, Magna, McCann Erickson, Momentum, MRM Worldwide, Octagon, UM and Weber Shandwick. Leading domestic brands include Campbell-Ewald; Campbell Mithun; Carmichael Lynch; Deutsch, a Lowe & Partners Company; Hill Holliday; ID Media; Mullen; The Martin Agency and R/GA.

We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036. Our telephone number is (212) 704-1200. Our website is http://www.interpublic.com. Information contained in our website is not incorporated by reference into and does not constitute part of this Offer to Purchase.

#### CERTAIN SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATIONS

The following considerations, in addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase and in the related Letter of Transmittal, should be carefully considered by each Holder before deciding whether to participate in the Tender Offer.

Limited Trading Market. There is no established trading market for the Preferred Shares. Quotations for securities that are not widely traded, such as the Preferred Shares, may differ from actual trading prices and should be viewed as approximations. Holders are urged to contact their brokers with respect to current information regarding the Preferred Shares. To the extent that Preferred Shares are tendered and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer, any existing trading market for the remaining Preferred Shares may become more limited. An equity security with a smaller number of outstanding shares available for trading (a smaller "float") may command a lower price than would a comparable equity security with a greater float. 60;The reduced float may also make the trading price of the Preferred Shares that are not tendered and accepted for purchase more volatile. Consequently, the liquidity, market value and price volatility of Preferred Shares that remain outstanding may be adversely affected to the extent that the float of the Preferred Shares is reduced as a result of the Tender Offer. Holders of unpurchased Preferred Shares may attempt to obtain quotations for the Preferred Shares from their brokers; however, there can be no assurance that any trading market will exist for the Preferred Shares following consummation of the Tender Offer and no assurance can be made as to the prices at which the Preferred Shares may trade after the Tender Offer. The extent of the public market for the Preferred Shares following consummation of the Tender Offer will depend upon the number of Holders remaining at such time, the interest in maintaining a market in such Preferred Shares on the part of securities fir ms and other factors.

Repurchases of the Preferred Shares. Whether or not the Tender Offer is consummated, from time to time after the tenth business day following the Expiration Time, or after termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer, we or our affiliates may acquire any Preferred Shares that are not tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer through open-market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions or otherwise, upon such terms and at such prices as we or our affiliates may determine, which may be more or less than the price to be paid pursuant to the Tender Offer and could be for cash or other consideration. There can be no assurance as to which, if any, of these alternatives or combinations thereof we or our affiliates will choose to pursue in the future.

Valuation Risk. The consideration offered to purchase the Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer does not reflect any independent valuation of the Preferred Shares and does not take into account events or changes in financial markets (including interest rates) after the commencement of the Tender Offer. We have not obtained or requested a fairness opinion from any banking or other firm as to the fairness of the consideration offered for the Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer. If you tender your Preferred Shares, you may or may not receive more or as much value than if you choose to keep them.

*Tax Matters.* See "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" for a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Tender Offer.

For additional significant considerations related to the Company that a Holder should carefully consider before deciding whether to participate in the Tender Offer, see the discussion under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

#### ACCEPTANCE FOR PURCHASE AND PAYMENT FOR PREFERRED SHARES

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer (including if the Tender Offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any such extension or amendment) and applicable law, we will accept for purchase, and pay for, all Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer at or prior to the Expiration Time. Payment of the Purchase Price, together with Accrued Dividends, for Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for Purchase will be made on the Payment Date. The Depositary will act as agent for tendering Holders for the purpose of receiving payment from us or directing us as to where payment should be made and transmitting or arranging for the transmission of such payment to tendering Holders. Payment will be deemed to have been made by us upon the transfer by us of the Purchase Price, plus Accrued Dividends, to the Depositary or in accordance with its instruction. Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of funds to Holders of Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer.

For Preferred Shares that have been validly tendered at or prior to the Expiration Time and that are accepted for purchase, payment of the Purchase Price and Accrued Dividends will occur on the Payment Date, which is expected to be promptly following the Expiration Time, assuming that all conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived.

We expressly reserve the right, in our sole discretion and subject to Rule 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act, to delay acceptance for purchase of or payment for Preferred Shares in order to comply, in whole or in part, with any applicable law. See "Conditions to the Tender Offer." In all cases, assuming the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions to the Tender Offer, payment by the Depositary to Holders of the Purchase Price will be made only after timely receipt by the Depositary of (i) timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such Preferred Shares into the Depositary's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures set forth under "Procedures for Tendering Preferred Shares," (ii) a properly transmitted Agent's Message and (iii) any other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal.

For purposes of the Tender Offer, validly tendered Preferred Shares (or defectively tendered Preferred Shares for which we have waived such defect) will be deemed to have been accepted for purchase by us if, as and when we give oral or written notice thereof to the Depositary.

In the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed, we expect to announce the final result of the proration and to make payment for all Preferred Shares accepted for purchase within two business days after the Expiration Time.

If any tendered Preferred Shares are not purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer for any reason, including due to proration, such Preferred Shares will be credited to the account maintained at DTC from which such Preferred Shares were delivered, promptly following the Expiration Time or termination of the Tender Offer.

We reserve the right to transfer or assign, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, to one or more of our affiliates, the right to purchase Preferred Shares tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer, but any such transfer or assignment will not relieve us of our obligations under the Tender Offer or prejudice the rights of tendering Holders to receive the Purchase Price pursuant to the Tender Offer.

#### PROCEDURES FOR TENDERING PREFERRED SHARES

Holders will not be eligible to receive the Purchase Price for tendered Preferred Shares unless they validly tender their Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer at or prior to the Expiration Time, subject to proration in the event the Tender Offer is oversubscribed.

Delivery of Preferred Shares through DTC and any acceptance of an Agent's Message transmitted through ATOP is at the risk of the person tendering Preferred Shares and, except as otherwise provided in the Letter of Transmittal, delivery will be deemed made only when actually received by the Depositary. We have not provided guaranteed delivery provisions in connection with the Tender Offer.

*Tender of Preferred Shares*. The tender by a Holder of Preferred Shares (and subsequent acceptance of such tender by us) will constitute a binding agreement between such Holder and us in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase and in the Letter of Transmittal.

Tender of Preferred Shares Held Through a Custodian. Any beneficial owner whose Preferred Shares are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and that wishes to tender Preferred Shares should contact its nominee promptly and instruct such nominee to tender Preferred Shares on such beneficial owner's behalf.

Tender of Preferred Shares Held Through DTC. To tender Preferred Shares that are held through DTC, DTC participants may electronically transmit their acceptance through ATOP (and thereby tender Preferred Shares), for which the transaction will be eligible. Upon receipt of such participant's acceptance through ATOP, DTC will confirm the acceptance and send an Agent's Message to the Depositary for its acceptance. Delivery of tendered Preferred Shares must be made to the Depositary pursuant to the book-entry delivery procedures set forth below.

Unless the Preferred Shares being tendered are deposited with the Depositary at or prior to the Expiration Time (accompanied by a properly transmitted Agent's Message), we may, at our option, treat such tender as defective for purposes of the right to receive the Purchase Price. Payment for the Preferred Shares will be made only against deposit of the tendered Preferred Shares.

Book-Entry Delivery Procedures. The Depositary will establish accounts with respect to the Preferred Shares at DTC for purposes of the Tender Offer within two business days after the date of this Offer to Purchase, and any financial institution that is a participant in DTC may make book-entry delivery of Preferred Shares by causing DTC to transfer such Preferred Shares into the Depositary's account in accordance with DTC's procedures for such transfer. However, although delivery of Preferred Shares may be effected through book-entry transfer into the Depositary's account at DTC, an Agent's Message must, in any case, be transmitted to, and received by, the Depositary at or prior to the Expiration Time in connection with the tender of such Preferred Shares. Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the Depositary. The confirmation of a book-entry transfer into the Depositary's account at DTC as described above is referred to in this Offer to Purchase as a "Book-Entry Confirmation." The term "Agent's Message" means a message transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the Depositary and forming a part of the Book-Entry Confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from each participant in DTC that is tendering the Preferred Shares that are the subject of such Book-Entry Confirmation, that such participants have received the Offer Documents and agree to be bound by the terms of the Tender Offer as set forth in the Offer Documents and that we may enforce such agreement against such participants.

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, payment of the Purchase Price for Preferred Shares tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer will, in all cases, be made only after receipt by the Depositary of Book-Entry Confirmation of the transfer of such Preferred Shares into the Depositary's account at DTC as described above, and a properly transmitted Agent's Message.

Backup U.S. Federal Income Tax Withholding. To prevent backup U.S. federal income tax withholding, a tendering Holder of Preferred Shares must (i) provide the Depositary with such Holder's correct taxpayer identification number and certify that such Holder is not subject to backup U.S. federal income tax withholding by completing the Substitute Form W-9 included in the Letter of Transmittal or (ii) otherwise establish a basis for exemption from backup withholding. See "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences."

Determination of Validity. All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of any tendered Preferred Shares pursuant to any of the procedures described above will be determined by us in our sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding. We expressly reserve the right, in our sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to reject any or all tenders of any Preferred Shares determined by us not to be in proper form or if the acceptance for purchase of, or payment for, such Preferred Shares may, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right, subject to applicable law, to waive or amend any of the conditions to the Tender Offer or to waive, in our sole discretion, any defect or irregularity in any tender of Preferred Shares of any particular Holder, whether or not similar defects or irregularities are waived in the case of other Holders. A waiver of any defect or irregularity with respect to the tender of Preferred Shares by a Holder will not constitute a waiver of the same or any other defect or irregularity with respect to the tender of any other Preferred Shares. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer (including the Letter of Transmittal and the instructions thereto) will be final and binding. None of the Company, the Dealer Managers, the Information Agent and Depositary or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in tenders or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification. If we waive our right to reject a defective tender of Preferred Shares, the Holder will be eligible to receive payment of the Purchase Price for such tendered Preferred Shares.

No alternative, conditional or contingent tenders of Preferred Shares will be accepted. A tendering Holder, by electronically transmitting its acceptance through DTC's ATOP, waives all rights to receive notice of acceptance of such Holder's Preferred Shares for purchase.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF TENDERS

Tenders of Preferred Shares may be validly withdrawn at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time. Tendered Preferred Shares may not be withdrawn subsequent to the Expiration Time, provided, however, that tenders of Preferred Shares may be validly withdrawn if the Tender Offer is terminated without any Preferred Shares being purchased thereunder. In the event of a termination of the Tender Offer, the Preferred Shares tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer will be promptly returned to the tendering Holders.

If we make a material change in the terms of the Tender Offer or the information concerning the Tender Offer, we will publicly announce such changes or information or disseminate additional offering materials and extend the Tender Offer to the extent required by law. If the Tender Offer is amended at or prior to the Expiration Time in a material manner, we will promptly disclose such amendment and, if necessary, extend the Tender Offer for a period deemed by us to be adequate and in compliance with applicable law to permit Holders to withdraw their Preferred Shares. If the consideration to be paid in the Tender Offer is increased or decreased, the Maximum Payment Amount or the number of Preferred Shares subject to the Tender Offer is increased or decreased or the pricing formula, minimum Purchase Price or maximum Pu rchase Price is changed, if required by applicable law, the Tender Offer will remain open at least ten business days from the date we first give notice to Holders of such Preferred Shares, by public announcement or otherwise, of such change, increase or decrease. In addition, we may, if we deem appropriate, extend the Tender Offer for any other reason.

Any termination, extension or amendment of the Tender Offer will be followed promptly by public announcement thereof, the announcement in the case of an extension of the Tender Offer to be issued no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time. Without limiting the manner in which any public announcement may be made, we will have no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement other than by issuing a press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service.

For a withdrawal of tendered Preferred Shares to be valid, a written or facsimile transmission notice of withdrawal must be received by the Depositary at or prior to the Expiration Time, by mail, fax or hand delivery at its address or facsimile number set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase or by a properly transmitted "Request Message" through ATOP. Any such notice of withdrawal must (i) specify the name of the person who tendered the Preferred Shares to be withdrawn, (ii) contain the description of the Preferred Shares to be withdrawn and the aggregate liquidation preference represented by such Preferred Shares and (iii) unless transmitted through ATOP, be signed by the Holder of such Preferred Shares in the same manner as the original signature on the Agent's Message by which such Preferred Shares were tendered, or be accompanied by (a) documents of transfer sufficient to have the applicable transfer agent for the Preferred Shares register the transfer of the Preferred Shares into the name of the person withdrawing such Preferred Shares and (b) a properly completed irrevocable proxy authorizing such person to effect such withdrawal on behalf of such Holder. If the Preferred Shares to be withdrawn have been delivered or otherwise identified to the Depositary, a signed notice of withdrawal is effective immediately upon receipt by the Depositary of written or facsimile notice of such withdrawal even if physical release of such Preferred Shares is not yet effected, provided such notice is received at or prior to the Expiration Time.

Any permitted withdrawal of Preferred Shares may not be rescinded. Any Preferred Shares validly withdrawn will thereafter be deemed not validly tendered for purposes of the Tender Offer, provided, however, that withdrawn Preferred Shares may be re-tendered by again following one of the appropriate procedures described herein at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time.

If we extend the Tender Offer or are delayed in our acceptance for purchase of Preferred Shares or are unable to purchase Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer for any reason, then, without prejudice to our rights hereunder and subject to applicable law (including Rules 13e-4(f)(5) and 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act, which require that an offeror pay the consideration offered or return the securities deposited by or on behalf of the investor promptly after the termination or withdrawal of a tender offer), tendered Preferred Shares may be retained by the Depositary on our behalf and may not be withdrawn, except as otherwise provided in this section.

In addition, tendered Preferred Shares that have not been accepted for purchase may be withdrawn at any time after June 24, 2010 (40 business days after the commencement of the Tender Offer).

Any beneficial owner of Preferred Shares desiring to withdraw previously tendered Preferred Shares after 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date of the Expiration Time should make arrangements with such beneficial owner's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to fax a notice of withdrawal to the Depositary at its facsimile number set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase on behalf of such beneficial owner at or prior to the Expiration Time.

All determinations as to validity, form and eligibility (including time of receipt) of notices of withdrawal will be made by us, in our sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding. None of the Company, the Dealer Managers, the Information Agent and Depositary or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in any notice of withdrawal, or incur any liability for failure to give any such notification.

#### CONDITIONS TO THE TENDER OFFER

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Tender Offer (or any extensions or amendments thereof) and in addition to (and not in limitation of) our right to extend or amend the Tender Offer at any time, we will not be required to accept for purchase or pay for any Preferred Shares tendered and may terminate the Tender Offer at any time and may, subject to Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, postpone the acceptance of Preferred Shares tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer or delay the payment for Preferred Shares accepted for purchase, if, immediately prior to such time as any Preferred Shares are accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer, the Offer Conditions have not been satisfied.

The "Offer Conditions" mean the following:

- · any statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, stay, decree, executive order or injunction is promulgated, proposed, entered, enforced, enacted, issued or deemed applicable to the Tender Offer by any domestic or foreign federal or state governmental authority or court, or regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality, or any third person, which directly or indirectly (i) would or might prohibit, or make illegal the acceptance for purchase, payment for or purchase of some or all of the Preferred Shares or the consummation of the Tender Offer, (ii) would or might result in a delay in or restrict our ability or render us unable to accept for purchase, pay for or purchase some or all of the Preferred Shares, (iii) would or might impose or confirm material limitations on the scope, validity or effectiveness of our ability to acquire or hold or to exercise full rights of ownership of the Preferred Shares, or (iv) is, or is reasonably likely to be, materially adverse to the business, operations, properties, condition (financial or otherwise), assets, liabilities or prospects of us and our subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- (i) any general suspension of, or limitation on prices for, trading in securities in the United States securities or financial markets, or any setting of minimum purchase prices for trading on such markets, or any suspension of trading of any securities of us or of one of our affiliates on any exchange or in the over-the-counter market, (ii) any banking moratorium or suspension of payments declared by U.S. federal or New York authorities, (iii) any major disruption of settlements of securities or clearance services in the United States, (iv) any attack on, outbreak or escalation of hostilities or act of terrorism involving the United States, any declaration of war by the U.S. Congress or any other national or international calamity or emergency if, in our sole judgment, the effect of any such attack, outbreak, escalation, act, declaration, calamity or emergency makes it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the Tender Offer, (v) any significant adverse change in the trading prices of the Preferred Shares or in any of our securities in any financial markets, (vi) a material impairment in the trading market for equity securities that could, in our reasonable judgment, affect the Tender Offer, (vii) any limitation (whether or not mandatory) by any government or governmental, administrative or regulatory authority or agency, domestic or foreign, on (or other event that, in our reasonable judgment, might affect) the extension of credit by banks or other lending institutions, or (viii) in the case of any of the foregoing existing at the time of the commencement of the Tender Offer, a material acceleration or worsening thereof;

- · any threatened or pending action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by any domestic or foreign federal or state governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or authority, court, legislative body, commission or third party (i) challenging the acquisition by us of the Preferred Shares or otherwise seeking to restrain or prohibit the consummation of the Tender Offer or otherwise seeking to obtain any damages as a result thereof, (ii) otherwise materially adversely affecting our ability to successfully complete the Tender Offer or (iii) that is, or is reasonably likely to be, materially adverse to the business, operations, properties, condition (financial or otherwise), assets, liabilities or prospects of us and our subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- · neither the Company's transfer agent nor any third party has objected in any respect to, or taken action or failed to take action that could, in our reasonable judgment, adversely affect the consummation of, the Tender Offer or has taken any action that challenges the validity or effectiveness of the procedures used by us in the making of the Tender Offer or the acceptance of, or payment for, the Preferred Shares;
- · there has not occurred, or is likely to occur, any change in U.S. or international financial, political or economic conditions or currency exchange rates or exchange controls that, in our reasonable judgment, would be likely to impair materially the contemplated benefits of the Tender Offer to us;
- · any event or circumstance affecting the business, operations, properties, condition (financial or otherwise), assets, liabilities or prospects of us or our subsidiaries or affiliates that, in our sole judgment, would or might (i) prohibit, prevent, restrict or delay the consummation of the Tender Offer, (ii) make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the Tender Offer or (iii) be materially adverse to the business, operations, properties, condition (financial or otherwise), assets, liabilities or prospects of us and our subsidiaries, taken as a whole; or
- the Weighted Average Price is not less than \$5.25.

The foregoing conditions are for our sole benefit and may be asserted by us regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any such condition, and may be waived with respect to the Tender Offer at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time by us, in whole or in part. The failure by us at any time to exercise any of the foregoing rights will not be deemed a waiver of such right and each such right will be deemed an ongoing right that may be asserted at any time and from time to time up to the Expiration Time. Any determination made by us concerning an event, development or circumstance described or referred to above will be final and binding on all parties.

The Tender Offer is not conditioned on any minimum number of Preferred Shares being tendered.

Although we have no present plans or arrangements to do so, we reserve the right to amend, at any time, the terms of the Tender Offer. We will give Holders proper notice of such amendments as may be required by applicable law.

#### MARKET AND TRADING INFORMATION

As of April 28, 2010, 525,000 Preferred Shares were outstanding. There is no established trading market for the Preferred Shares. Quotations for securities that are not widely traded, such as the Preferred Shares, may differ from actual trading prices and should be viewed as approximations. To the extent that the Preferred Shares are traded, prices of the Preferred Shares may fluctuate greatly depending on the trading volume and the balance between buy and sell orders. Holders are urged to obtain current information with respect to the market prices for the Preferred Shares.

Our Common Stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol "IPG." The following table sets forth on a per share basis the high and low intra-day prices on the NYSE, based upon published financial sources for our Common Stock.

|  | High       | Low        |
|--|------------|------------|
| Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2008                  |            |            |
| Quarter ended March 31, 2008                         | \$<br>9.03 | \$<br>7.22 |
| Quarter ended June 30, 2008                          | 10.47      | 7.77       |
| Quarter ended September 30, 2008                     | 9.69       | 7.09       |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2008                      | 7.78       | 2.57       |
| Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2009                  |            |            |
| Quarter ended March 31, 2009                         | \$<br>4.55 | \$<br>3.08 |
| Quarter ended June 30, 2009                          | 6.41       | 4.05       |
| Quarter ended September 30, 2009                     | 7.77       | 4.57       |
| Quarter ended December 31, 2009                      | 7.62       | 5.71       |
| Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2010                 |            |            |
| Quarter ended March 31, 2010                         | \$<br>8.87 | \$<br>6.21 |
| Quarter ended June 30, 2010 (through April 28, 2010) | \$<br>9.93 | \$<br>8.30 |

No dividend has been paid on our common stock since the fourth quarter of 2002. Our future dividend policy will be determined on a quarter-by-quarter basis and will depend on earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors. Our future dividend policy may also be influenced by the terms of our credit facility and certain of our outstanding securities. Our credit facility places certain limitations on the amount of common stock dividends that we may pay in any year. The terms of our outstanding series of preferred stock limit our ability to pay dividends on our common stock unless all accumulated and unpaid dividends have been or are contemporaneously declared and paid or provision for the payment thereof has been made.

#### CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

All discussions of U.S. federal tax considerations in this document have been written to support the marketing of the Tender Offer. Such discussions were not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding U.S. federal tax penalties. Holders should consult their own tax advisers in determining the tax consequences to them of exchanging the Preferred Shares, including the application to their particular situation of the U.S. federal tax considerations discussed below, as well as the application of state, local, foreign, or other tax laws.

The following discussion is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to our shareholders of an exchange of Preferred Shares for cash pursuant to the Tender Offer. The summary is based on laws, regulations, rulings and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change. The discussion does not deal with special classes of Holders, such as dealers in securities or currencies, banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, partnerships and the partners therein, persons holding Preferred Shares as a position in a "straddle" or conversion transaction, or as part of a "synthetic security" or other integrated financial transaction or persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar, or persons that acquired their Preferred Sh ares through the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation. This discussion assumes that the Preferred Shares are held as "capital assets" within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The Company has not sought any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in this discussion, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions. In addition, the discussion does not describe any tax consequences arising out of the laws of any state or local or foreign jurisdiction. Accordingly, each Holder should consult its own tax advisor with regard to the Tender Offer and the application of U.S. federal income tax laws, as well as the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdictions, to its particular situation.

As used herein, a "*U.S. Holder*" means a beneficial owner of shares that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes (1) a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation or other entity taxed as a corporation created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or (3) any other person subject to U.S. net income tax. A "*Non-U.S. Holder*" means a beneficial owner of shares that is not a U. S. Holder.

#### U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of U.S. Holders

A sale of Preferred Shares for cash pursuant to the Tender Offer will be a taxable transaction for U. S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. Holder who participates in the Tender Offer will, depending on such Holder's particular circumstances, be treated either as recognizing gain or loss from the disposition of the Preferred Shares or as receiving a distribution from us with respect to our stock. If a broker or other paying agent is unable to determine whether sale or exchange treatment or distribution treatment should apply to a particular U.S. Holder, such paying agent may be required to report the transaction as resulting in a distribution. In such event, a U.S. Holder that believes that sale or exchange treatment is proper should consult with its own tax advisor about how to report the transact ion on its tax return.

*Sale or Exchange Treatment.* Under Section 302 of the Code, a sale of Preferred Shares for cash by a U.S. Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will be treated as a "sale or exchange" of Preferred Shares for U.S. federal income tax purposes, rather than as a distribution with respect to the Preferred Shares held by the tendering U.S. Holder, only if the sale:

- · results in a "complete termination" of such U.S. Holder's equity interest in us under Section 302(b)(3) of the Code,
- · is "substantially disproportionate" with respect to the U.S. Holder under Section 302(b)(2) of the Code, or

· is "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" with respect to the U.S. Holder under Section 302(b)(1) of the Code.

A sale of Preferred Shares by a U.S. Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will result in a "complete termination" if, after the sale, either (1) the U.S. Holder no longer owns any of our outstanding preferred or common shares (either actually or constructively) or (2) the U.S. Holder no longer actually owns any of our outstanding preferred or ordinary shares and meets certain other requirements for avoiding the application of constructive ownership rules under the Code. U.S. Holders wishing to satisfy the "complete termination" test through this second means should consult their own tax advisors.

A distribution to a U.S. Holder will be "substantially disproportionate" if the percentage of the outstanding voting shares of stock of the Company actually and constructively owned by the U.S. Holder immediately following the exchange of shares for cash pursuant to the Tender Offer (treating all shares acquired by us pursuant to the Tender Offer as not outstanding) is less than 80% of the percentage of the outstanding voting shares of the Company actually and constructively owned by the U.S. Holder immediately before the exchange (treating as outstanding all shares purchased in the Tender Offer from all shareholders). For the purpose of applying the "substantially disproportionate" test, shares convertible into voting common shares at the option of the Holder, such as the Preferred Shares, will be counted as equal to the amount of voting common shares into which they are convertible.

A sale of Preferred Shares by a U.S. Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will satisfy the "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" test if it results in a "meaningful reduction" of the U.S. Holder's proportionate interest in our shares. Whether a holder of Preferred Shares meets this test will depend on the holder of Preferred Shares' particular facts and circumstances, as well as the relative percentage of Preferred Shares tendered by such holder and each of the other holders of Preferred Shares. The IRS has indicated that even a small reduction in the percentage interest (by vote and value) of a shareholder whose relative interest in a publicly held corporation is minimal and who exercises no control over corporate affairs should constitute a "meaningful reduction."; U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisers as to the application of this test to their particular circumstances.

As noted above, in applying the foregoing Section 302 tests, a U.S. Holder must take into account not only preferred and common shares that such U.S. Holder actually owns, but also shares that such U.S. Holder is treated as owning under constructive ownership rules. Generally, a U.S. Holder may constructively own shares actually owned, and in some cases constructively owned, by certain related individuals and entities as well as shares that a U.S. Holder has the right to acquire by exercise of an option or warrant or by conversion or exchange of a security.

Contemporaneous dispositions or acquisitions of preferred or ordinary shares by a U.S. Holder or a related person may be deemed to be part of a single integrated transaction and, if so, may be taken into account in determining whether either of the Section 302 tests described above are satisfied. A U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the treatment of other dispositions or acquisitions of shares that may be integrated with such U.S. Holder's sale of Preferred Shares to the Company pursuant to this Tender Offer.

U.S. Holders should be aware that, because proration may occur in the Tender Offer, even if all the Preferred Shares actually and constructively owned by a U.S. Holder are tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer, fewer than all of these shares may be purchased by us. Proration may therefore affect whether the sale of Preferred Shares by a U.S. Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will be treated as a "sale or exchange."

If a U.S. Holder satisfies any of the three Section 302 tests described above, the U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the Preferred Shares tendered. Generally, a U.S. Holder's tax basis for the Preferred Shares will be equal to the cost of the Preferred Shares to the U.S. Holder, less any prior distributions treated as a return of capital. Any such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the holding period of the Preferred Shares exceeds one year as of the date of the sale pursuant to the Tender Offer. Certain limitations apply to the deductibility of capital losses by U.S. Holders. Gain or loss must be determined separately for each bl ock of tendered Preferred Shares (i.e., Preferred Shares acquired by the U.S. Holder at the same cost in a single transaction).

Distribution Treatment. If a U.S. Holder does not satisfy either of the Section 302 tests described above, the sale of a U.S. Holder's Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will not be treated as a sale or exchange under Section 302. Instead, the entire amount of cash received by such U.S. Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will be treated as a distribution to the U.S. Holder with respect to such U.S. Holder's remaining shares. The distribution will be treated as a dividend to the extent of the U.S. Holder's share of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. The amount of any distribution in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated as a return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder's tax basis in the remaining shares with respect to which the distribution is deemed received (as determined on a block-by-block basis), and any remainder will be treated as capital gain. Any such capital gain will be long-term capital gain if the U.S. Holder has held the Preferred Shares for more than one year as of the date of sale pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Any payment treated as a dividend will generally constitute "qualified dividend income" for non-corporate U.S. Holders provided certain holding period requirements are met. A dividend received by a corporate U.S. Holder may be (1) eligible for a dividends-received deduction (subject to applicable exceptions and limitations) and (2) subject to the "extraordinary dividend" provisions of Section 1059 of the Code. Corporate Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding (1) whether a dividends-received deduction will be available to them, and (2) the application of Section 1059 of the Code to the ownership and disposition of their Preferred Shares.

Any such dividend will be taxed in its entirety, without reduction for the U.S. Holder's tax basis of the Preferred Shares exchanged. Such tax basis will be added to the remaining shares owned by the U.S. Holder; provided that where the remaining shares owned consist of more than one class (e.g. common and preferred shares), it is unclear how to allocate such tax basis among the remaining shares. If a tendering U.S. Holder does not actually retain any shares, the basis of any tendered Preferred Shares may (depending on circumstances) be added to shares retained by a person related to such U.S. Holder or the basis may be lost.

#### U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders

Sale or Exchange Treatment. Gain realized by a Non-U.S. Holder on a sale of shares for cash pursuant to the Tender Offer generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax if the sale is treated as a "sale or exchange" pursuant to the Section 302 tests described above under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment of U.S. Holders" unless (i) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by such Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business in the United States, (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States "permanent establishment" maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder), or (ii) in the case of gain realized by a Non-U.S. Holder that is an individual, such Non-U.S. Holder is present in the United States for 18 3 days or more in the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions are met.

Distribution Treatment; Potential Withholding Tax. If the Non-U.S. Holder does not satisfy any of the tests under Section 302 explained above, the full amount received by the Non-U.S. Holder with respect to the sale of Preferred Shares to us pursuant to the Tender Offer will be treated as a distribution to the Non-U.S. Holder with respect to the Non-U.S. Holder's Preferred Shares. To the extent that a distribution constitutes a dividend within the principles described above for U.S. Holders, that distribution would be subject to a U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be applicable under a tax treaty) if the dividend is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by the Non-U.S. Holder (or, if an income tax treaty applies, the Non-U.S. Holder does not maintain a U.S. permanent establishment).

In some cases, payments made to Non-U.S. Holders with respect to the Tender Offer may not be subject to U.S. withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder certifies that it is not a U.S. person and that it met the "complete termination," "substantially disproportionate," or "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" test in respect of the Tender Offer, although receipt of the full payment may be delayed until the certification is provided. Non-U.S. Holders tendering shares held through a broker or other nominee should consult such broker or other nominee and their own tax advisors to determine the particular withholding procedures that will be applicable to them.

NON-U.S. HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY FOR A WITHHOLDING TAX REDUCTION OR EXEMPTION, AND ANY RELEVANT REFUND PROCEDURE.

#### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

*U.S. Holders*. Payments made to tendering U.S. Holders may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax, currently at a rate of 28%. Certain U.S. Holders, including corporations, are exempt from these information reporting and backup withholding tax rules. To avoid backup withholding, U.S. Holders that do not otherwise establish an exemption should complete and return an IRS Form W-9, certifying that such Holder is a U.S. person, that the taxpayer identification number ("*TIN*") provided is correct, and that such Holder is not subject to backup withholding. The amount of any backup withholding from a Tender Offer will be allowed as a credit aga inst such U.S. Holder's federal income tax liability and may entitle such U.S. Holder to a refund, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

*Non-U.S. Holders*. In order for a Non-U.S. Holder to qualify as exempt from backup withholding, that Non-U.S. Holder must submit an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8ECI (or in the case of certain foreign partnerships and other foreign intermediaries, Form W-8IMY), signed under penalties of perjury, attesting to that Non-U.S. Holder's exempt status.

#### **Consequences to Non-Tendering Holders**

A Holder whose Preferred Shares are not purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer will not incur any U.S. federal income tax liability as a result of consummation of the Tender Offer.

#### THE DEALER MANAGERS, THE INFORMATION AGENT AND THE DEPOSITARY

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets have been engaged to act as Dealer Managers in connection with the Tender Offer. In such capacity, the Dealer Managers may contact Holders regarding the Tender Offer and may request brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and other nominees to forward this Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal and related materials to beneficial owners of Preferred Shares.

Citigroup Global Markets Inc. is among the joint lead arrangers and joint book managers under our credit facility, and the Dealer Managers or their respective affiliates are agents and/or lenders under our credit facility. In addition, the Dealer Managers and their respective affiliates have provided, are currently providing and may provide in the future, financial, advisory, investment banking and general banking services to us and our affiliates, for which they have received and will receive customary fees and commissions. From time to time in the future, the Dealer Managers may provide additional services to us and our affiliates.

At any given time, the Dealer Managers may trade the Preferred Shares or any of our other securities for their own account or for the accounts of their customers and, accordingly, may hold a long or short position in the Preferred Shares or any such other securities. The Dealer Managers are not obligated to make a market for the Preferred Shares. In addition, the Dealer Managers may tender Preferred Shares in the Tender Offer.

Any Holder that has questions concerning the terms of the Tender Offer may contact the Dealer Managers at their respective address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase.

Global Bondholder Services Corporation has been appointed Information Agent for the Tender Offer. Questions and requests for assistance or additional copies of this Offer to Purchase or the Letter of Transmittal may be directed to the Information Agent at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Holders may also contact their broker, dealer, commercial bank or trust company for assistance concerning the Tender Offer.

Global Bondholder Services Corporation has been appointed as Depositary for the Tender Offer. Letters of Transmittal and all correspondence in connection with the Tender Offer should be sent or delivered by each Holder or a beneficial owner's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to the Depositary at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Any Holder or beneficial owner that has questions concerning the procedures for tendering Preferred Shares or whose Preferred Shares have been mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed should contact the Depositary at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase.

None of the Dealer Managers, the Information Agent or the Depositary assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning us or our affiliates or the Preferred Shares contained or referred to in this Offer to Purchase or for any failure by us to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES

We have agreed to pay the Dealer Managers a customary fee for their services in connection with the Tender Offer. In addition, we have agreed to reimburse the Dealer Managers for their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses for their services as Dealer Managers in connection with the Tender Offer. We have also agreed to indemnify the Dealer Managers and their respective affiliates against certain liabilities under federal or state law, including liabilities under the federal securities laws, or otherwise caused by, relating to or arising out of the Tender Offer.

We will pay the Information Agent customary fees for its services and reimburse the Information Agent for its reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the Tender Offer. We have also agreed to indemnify the Information Agent for certain liabilities relating to or arising out of the Tender Offer. We will pay the Depositary customary fees for its services and reimburse the Depositary for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the Tender Offer. We have also agreed to indemnify the Depositary for certain liabilities relating to or arising out of the Tender Offer.

We will pay brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in forwarding copies of this Offer to Purchase and related materials to the beneficial owners of Preferred Shares and in handling or forwarding tenders of Preferred Shares by their customers.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

We are not aware of any jurisdiction in which the making of the Tender Offer is not in compliance with applicable law. If we become aware of any jurisdiction in which the making of the Tender Offer would not be in compliance with applicable law, we will make a good faith effort to comply with any such law or seek to have such laws declared inapplicable to the Tender Offer. If, after such good faith effort, we cannot comply with any such law, the Tender Offer will not be made to (nor will tenders of Preferred Shares be accepted from or on behalf of) the Holders residing in such jurisdiction. In any jurisdiction in which the securities laws or blue sky laws require the Tender Offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the Tender Offer will be deemed to be made on our behalf by the Dealer Managers, or one or more registered brokers or dealers that are licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

Pursuant to Rule 13e-4 promulgated under the Exchange Act, we have filed a statement on Schedule TO, which contains additional information with respect to the Tender Offer. The Schedule TO, including the exhibits and any amendments and supplements to that document, may be examined, and copies may be obtained, at the same places and in the same manner as is set forth under "Available Information and Incorporation of Documents by Reference."

We are responsible for the information contained and incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase. We have not authorized anyone to give you any other information, and we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you.

#### **Global Bondholder Services Corporation**

By Regular, Registered or Certified Mail; Hand or Overnight Delivery: 65 Broadway – Suite 404 New York, New York 10006 Attn: Corporate Actions By Facsimile Transmission:
(212) 430-3775
(for eligible institutions only)
To confirm receipt of facsimile by telephone:
(212) 430-3774

Any questions or requests for assistance or additional copies of this Offer to Purchase may be directed to the Information Agent at the telephone numbers and address set forth below. A Holder of Preferred Shares may also contact the Dealer Managers at their respective telephone numbers set forth below or such Holder's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or nominee for assistance concerning the Offer.

The Information Agent for the Tender Offer is:

# **Global Bondholder Services Corporation**

65 Broadway – Suite 404 New York, New York 10006 Attn: Corporate Actions

Banks and Brokers call: (212) 430-3774 (collect) or All others call Toll Free: (866) 807-2200

The Dealer Managers for the Tender Offer are:

# Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

1585 Broadway New York, New York 10036 Collect: (212) 761-8663 Toll-Free: (800) 624-1808 Attention: Liability Management Group

# **Citigroup Global Markets Inc.**

390 Greenwich Street. 4th Floor New York, New York 10013 Collect: (212) 723-6106 Collect: (212) 723-7367 Toll-Free: (800) 558-3745 Attention: Liability Management Group

#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

#### THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

#### Offers to Purchase for Cash

Up to 370,000 Shares of 5¼% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Shares") (CUSIP Nos. 460690 803 and 460690 407) (Aggregate Liquidation Preference of \$370,000,000)

This Tender Offer (as defined below) will expire at midnight, New York City time, on May 26, 2010, unless extended or earlier terminated by us (such date and time, as the same may be extended, the "Expiration Time").

The instructions contained in this Letter of Transmittal (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, this "Letter of Transmittal") should be read carefully before Preferred Shares are tendered. All capitalized terms used herein and not defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the Offer to Purchase of The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company," "we," "us" or "our"), dated April 29, 2010 (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Offer to Purchase" and, together with this Letter of Transmittal, the "Offer Documents").

Questions relating to the procedures for tendering Preferred Shares and requests for assistance may be directed to Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (the "Dealer Managers"), at their respective address and telephone numbers on the back cover of this Letter of Transmittal. Requests for additional copies of the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal may be directed to Global Bondholder Services Corporation (the "Information Agent and Depositary").

The Offer Documents constitute our offer (the "*Tender Offer*") to purchase for cash, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer Documents, including the proration provisions, up to 370,000 Preferred Shares at the Purchase Price (as defined below). Assuming we accept for purchase the full 370,000 Preferred Shares for which we are tendering and that we pay the maximum Purchase Price, we will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of Accrued Dividends) in the Tender Offer.

We will fix the purchase price per Preferred Share (the "Purchase Price") promptly after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") on May 24, 2010, which is the second scheduled trading day prior to the date of the Expiration Time (such date, as it may be extended, the "Pricing Date"), and we will announce such Purchase Price no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date. The Purchase Price will be calculated as the sum of 54.893 multiplied by the Weighted Average Price (as defined herein), plus \$438.95, subject to a minimum Purchase Price of \$786.31 and a maxim um Purchase Price of \$1,070.22. In addition to the Purchase Price, Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will also be paid accrued and unpaid dividends ("Accrued Dividends") to, but not including, the Payment Date (as defined below) on such Preferred Shares that are accepted for purchase by us. No tenders of Preferred Shares will be valid if submitted after the Expiration Time.

Throughout the Tender Offer, an indicative Purchase Price will be available at http://gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic and from the Information Agent and Depositary at its telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. The Purchase Price will be available at http://gbsc-usa.com/Interpublic no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the on the business day following the Pricing Date.

Our obligation to accept for purchase, and to pay for, Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions. See "Conditions to the Tender Offer" in the Offer to Purchase. Subject to applicable law and the terms and conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase, we expressly reserve the right, at or prior to the Expiration Time, (i) assuming the conditions to the Tender Offer are not satisfied or waived, to terminate the Tender Offer and not accept for purchase any Preferred Shares not theretofore accepted for purchase, (ii) to waive any and all of the conditions to the Tender Offer, (iii) to extend the Expiration Time or (iv) to amend the terms of the Tender Offer. The rights reserved by us in this paragraph are in addition to o ur rights to terminate the Tender Offer as described under "Conditions to the Tender Offer" in the Offer to Purchase. The Tender Offer is not conditioned on any minimum number of Preferred Shares being tendered.

Preferred Shares previously tendered may be withdrawn at or prior to the Expiration Time. Except under certain limited conditions described in the Offer to Purchase, Preferred Shares previously tendered may not be withdrawn after the Expiration Time.

Only Preferred Shares that are validly tendered will be purchased. However, acceptance of tendered Preferred Shares for purchase may be subject to proration in the event that the Tender Offer is oversubscribed as described in the Offer to Purchase. In this Letter of Transmittal, we have used the convention of referring to all Preferred Shares that have been validly tendered and not validly withdrawn as having been "validly tendered."

In the event that the Tender Offer is withdrawn or otherwise not completed, or if any tendered Preferred Shares are not accepted for purchase due to proration, the Purchase Price will not be paid or become payable to Holders even if the Preferred Shares have been validly tendered in connection with the Tender Offer. In any such event, the Preferred Shares previously tendered by Holders pursuant to the Tender Offer will be promptly returned to such tendering Holders. The Tender Offer is made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer Documents, including the proration provisions. Holders should carefully review such information.

The payment date with respect to the Tender Offer is expected to be promptly following the Expiration Time, assuming all conditions to the Tender Offer have been satisfied or waived. Payment for any Preferred Shares accepted for purchase will be made in immediately available (same-day) funds. Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of funds to Holders for Preferred Shares validly tendered and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer.

THE TENDER OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE TO (NOR WILL PREFERRED SHARES BE ACCEPTED FROM OR ON BEHALF OF) HOLDERS OF PREFERRED SHARES IN ANY JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE MAKING OR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TENDER OFFER WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF SUCH JURISDICTION.

Holders must tender their Preferred Shares by book-entry transfer to the Depositary's account at The Depository Trust Company ("DTC" or the "Book-Entry Transfer Facility") through DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP"), for which the Tender Offer will be eligible. DTC participants that are accepting the Tender Offer must transmit their acceptance to DTC, which will verify the acceptance and execute a book-entry delivery to the Depositary's account at DTC. DTC will then send an Agent's Message to the Depositary for its acceptance. The Agent's Message will state that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the DTC participant tendering Preferred Shares that such DTC participant has received the Offer Documents and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Tender Offer as set forth in the Offer Documents and that we may enforce such agreement against such participant.

If we make a material change in the terms of the Tender Offer or the information concerning the Tender Offer, we will publicly announce such changes or information or disseminate additional offering materials and extend the Tender Offer to the extent required by law. If the Tender Offer is amended at or prior to the Expiration Time in a manner determined by us to constitute a material adverse change to the Holders, we will promptly disclose such amendment and, if necessary, extend the Tender Offer for a period deemed by us to be adequate and in compliance with applicable law to permit Holders to withdraw their Preferred Shares. If the consideration to be paid in the Tender Offer is increased or decreased, the Maximum Payment Amount or number of Preferred Shares subject to the Tender Offer is increased or the pricin g formula, minimum Purchase Price or maximum Purchase Price is changed, if required by applicable law, the Tender Offer will remain open at least ten business days from the date we first give notice to Holders of such Preferred Shares, by public announcement or otherwise, of such change, increase or decrease. In addition, we may, if we deem appropriate, extend the Tender Offer for any other reason.

Any termination, extension or amendment will be followed promptly by public announcement thereof, the announcement in the case of an extension of the Tender Offer to be issued no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time. Without limiting the manner in which any public announcement may be made, we will have no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement other than by issuing a press release through Business Wire or Dow Jones News Service.

#### NOTE: PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The transmission of an Agent's Message by a Holder in connection with the tender of Preferred Shares will be deemed to constitute the tender of the Preferred Shares to which such Agent's Message relates. Such tendering Holder thereby acknowledges receipt of the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal and the instructions hereto, which together constitute our Tender Offer for any and all of our outstanding Preferred Shares, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, including the proration provisions, for the consideration set forth in the Offer to Purchase.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares acknowledges and agrees that tendered Preferred Shares may not be withdrawn except in accordance with the procedures and conditions for withdrawal set forth in the Offer to Purchase.

Subject to, and effective upon, the acceptance for purchase of, and payment for, the Preferred Shares tendered, a Holder that tenders Preferred Shares (1) represents, warrants and agrees that such Holder has received and read a copy of the Offer Documents, understands and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer and has full power and authority to tender such Preferred Shares; (2) irrevocably sells, assigns and transfers to us or upon our order, all right, title and interest in and to the tendered Preferred Shares; (3) waives any and all other rights with respect to the tendered Preferred Shares (including, without limitation, the waiver of any existing or past defaults and their consequences in respect of the Preferred Shares and the Certificate of Designations under which the Preferred Shares were iss ued); (4) releases and discharges us from any and all claims such Holder may have now, or may have in the future, arising out of, or related to, the tendered Preferred Shares; including, without limitation, any claims that such Holder is entitled to receive additional dividend payments with respect to the tendered Preferred Shares; (5) will, upon our request or the request of Global Bondholder Services Corporation (the "Depositary"), as applicable, execute and deliver any additional documents necessary or desirable to complete the tender of such Preferred Shares; and (6) irrevocably constitutes and appoints the Depositary as the true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact of such Holder, with full knowledge that the Depositary also acts as our agent, with respect to any such tendered Preferred Shares, with full power of substitution and resubstitution (such power of attorney being deemed to be an irrevocable power coupled with an interest) to (a) transfer ownership of such Preferred Shares on the account books maintained by DTC to us and (b) receive all benefits and otherwise exercise all rights of beneficial ownership of such Preferred Shares (except that the Depositary will have no

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that tendered Preferred Shares may be withdrawn by written notice of withdrawal received by the Depositary at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time, but not thereafter, except as set forth in the Offer to Purchase. For a withdrawal of a tender of Preferred Shares to be valid, such withdrawal and revocation must comply with the procedures set forth in the Offer to Purchase under "Withdrawal of Tenders." Except under certain limited conditions described in the Offer to Purchase, tendered Preferred Shares may not be withdrawn subsequent to the Expiration Time.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that we will calculate the Purchase Price promptly after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") on May 24, 2010, which is the second scheduled trading day prior to the date of the Expiration Time (such date, as it may be extended, "Pricing Date"), and we will announce such Purchase Price no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date. The Purchase Price will be calculated as the sum of 54.893 multiplied by the Weighted Average Price (as defined herein), plus \$438.95, subject to a minimum Purchase Price of \$768.31 and a maximum Purchase Price of \$1,070.22.

For purposes of the Purchase Price calculation, "Weighted Average Price" means the arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of our Common Stock, beginning on May 18, 2010 and ending on the Pricing Date. The daily volume-weighted average price shall equal the per share dollar volume-weighted average price for our Common Stock during the period beginning at 9:30 a.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official open of trading at the NYSE) and ending at 4:00 p.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official close of trading at the NYSE) as reported by Bloomberg Financial Services through its "Volume at Price" (IPG <Equity> VAP <Go>) functions (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market price of one share of Common Stock on such trading day determined, using a volume-weighted average method, by a nationally recognized investment banking firm retained by us for this purpose). The Weighted Average Price and the variable cash component of the Purchase Price will be rounded to the nearest whole cent.

In addition to the Purchase Price, Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will also be paid accrued and unpaid dividends ("Accrued Dividends") to, but not including, the payment date, on such tendered Preferred Shares that are accepted for purchase by us.

# A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that Preferred Shares that are withdrawn will not receive the Purchase Price with respect to withdrawn Preferred Shares.

We reserve the right to terminate the Tender Offer at or prior to the Expiration Time. Any such termination will be followed promptly by public announcement thereof. In the event that we terminate the Tender Offer, we will give immediate notice thereof to the Depositary, and all Preferred Shares theretofore tendered and not accepted for payment will be returned promptly to the tendering Holders thereof. In the event that the Tender Offer is withdrawn or otherwise not completed, the Purchase Price will not be paid or become payable to Holders of the Preferred Shares that have validly tendered their Preferred Shares in connection with the Tender Offer. See "Withdrawal of Tenders" and "Conditions to the Tender Offer" in the Offer to Purchase. A Holder that t enders Preferred Shares understands and acknowledges that the Tender Offer will expire at the Expiration Time, unless extended or earlier terminated by us in our sole discretion, and that no tenders of Preferred Shares will be valid if submitted after the Expiration Time.

If we make a material change in the terms of the Tender Offer or the information concerning the Tender Offer, we will publicly announce such changes or information or disseminate additional offering materials and extend the Tender Offer to the extent required by law. If the Tender Offer is amended at or prior to the Expiration Time in a manner determined by us to constitute a material adverse change to the Holders, we will promptly disclose such amendment and, if necessary, extend the Tender Offer for a period deemed by us to be adequate and in compliance with applicable law to permit Holders to withdraw their Preferred Shares. If the consideration to be paid in the Tender Offer is increased or decreased, the Maximum Payment Amount or number of Preferred Shares subject to the Tender Offer is increased or the pricing for mula, minimum Purchase Price or maximum Purchase Price is changed, if required by applicable law, the Tender Offer will remain open at least ten business days from the date we first give notice to Holders of such Preferred Shares, by public announcement or otherwise, of such change, increase or decrease. In addition, we may, if we deem appropriate, extend the Tender Offer for any other reason.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that our obligation to accept for purchase, and to pay for, Preferred Shares validly tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver of the Offer Conditions (as defined in the Offer to Purchase).

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that a tender of Preferred Shares pursuant to the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase and in the instructions hereto, and acceptance thereof by us, will constitute a binding agreement between the tendering Holder and us upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares represents and warrants that (1) such tendering Holder has full power and authority to tender, sell, assign and transfer the tendered Preferred Shares and (2) when such Preferred Shares are accepted for purchase and payment by us, we will acquire good title thereto, free and clear of all liens, restrictions, charges and encumbrances and not subject to any adverse claim or right. Such tendering Holder will, upon request, execute and deliver any additional documents deemed by the Depositary or by us to be necessary or desirable to complete the sale, assignment and transfer of the tendered Preferred Shares.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that we will be deemed to have accepted for purchase validly tendered Preferred Shares, or defectively tendered Preferred Shares for which we have waived such defect, if, as and when we give oral or written notice thereof to the Depositary.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions of the Tender Offer set forth in the Offer to Purchase, each of which we may waive, we will not be required to accept for purchase any of the Preferred Shares tendered. Any Preferred Shares not accepted for purchase will be returned promptly to the tendering Holder.

All authority conferred or agreed to be conferred by a tender of Preferred Shares will survive the death or incapacity of the tendering Holder and every obligation of the tendering Holder under this Letter of Transmittal will be binding upon the tendering Holder's heirs, personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, trustees in bankruptcy and other legal representatives.

A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares understands that the delivery and surrender of Preferred Shares is not effective, and the risk of loss of Preferred Shares does not pass to the Depositary, until receipt by the Depositary of (i) timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such Preferred Shares into the Depositary's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase, (ii) a properly transmitted Agent's Message and any other documents required by us in form satisfactory to us. All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of any tendered Preferred Shares will be determined by us, which determination will be final and binding.

In consideration for our purchase of tendered Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, a tendering Holder waives, releases, forever discharges and agrees not to sue us, or our former, current or future directors, officers, employees, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, stockholders, predecessors, successors, assigns or other representatives as to any and all claims, demands, causes of action and liabilities of any kind and under any theory whatsoever, whether known or unknown (excluding any liability arising under U.S. federal securities laws in connection with the Tender Offer), by reason of any act, omission, transaction or occurrence, that the tendering Holder ever had, now has or hereafter may have against us as a result of or in any manner related to:

- · the tendering Holder's purchase, ownership or disposition of the Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer; or
- · any decline in the value thereof up to and including the Expiration Time.

Without limiting the generality or effect of the foregoing, upon the purchase of Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, we will obtain all rights relating to the tendering Holder's ownership of Preferred Shares and any and all claims relating thereto.

A tendering Holder understands that payment will be deemed to have been made by us upon the transfer by us of the Purchase Price, plus Accrued Dividends on the Preferred Shares purchased by us, payable to the Depositary or, in accordance with the Depositary's instructions, to DTC. A Holder that tenders Preferred Shares further acknowledges and agrees that (1) under no circumstances will interest on the Purchase Price be paid by us by reason of any delay on the part of the Depositary or DTC in making such payment and (2) the payment made by us to the Depositary or, upon the instructions of the Depositary, to DTC, will fully discharge our obligations to make payment in relation to the Tender Offer and in no event will we be liable for interest or damages in relation to any delay or failure of payment to be remitted to any Holder.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

#### Forming Part of the Terms and Conditions of the Tender Offer

1. **Book-Entry Confirmations; Withdrawal of Tenders**. The Depositary and DTC have confirmed that the tender of Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer is eligible for ATOP. Accordingly, Holders must electronically transmit their acceptance of the Tender Offer by causing DTC to transfer their Preferred Shares to the Depositary in accordance with DTC's ATOP procedures. Upon receipt of such Holder's acceptance through ATOP, DTC will edit and verify the acceptance and send an Agent's Message to the Depositary for its acceptance. The Agent's Message will state that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the DTC participant tendering Preferred Shares and that such DTC participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer as set forth in the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal and that we may enforce such agreement against such participant.

Tenders of Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will be accepted until the Expiration Time in accordance with the procedures described herein and otherwise in compliance with this Letter of Transmittal. No alternative, conditional or contingent tenders of Preferred Shares will be accepted. Except as otherwise provided below, delivery of tendered Preferred Shares will be deemed made only after timely receipt by the Depositary of (i) timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such Preferred Shares into the Depositary's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures described herein, (ii) a properly transmitted Agent's Message and any other documents required by us.

A tendering Holder, by electronically transmitting its acceptance through DTC's ATOP, waives all rights to receive notice of acceptance of such Holder's Preferred Shares for purchase.

Holders that wish to exercise their right of withdrawal with respect to the Tender Offer must give written notice of withdrawal, which notice must be received by the Depositary at or prior to the Expiration Time, or at such other permissible times as are described in the Offer to Purchase, or by a properly transmitted "Request Message" through ATOP. In order to be valid, a notice of withdrawal must (i) specify the name of the person who tendered the Preferred Shares to be withdrawn, (ii) contain the description of the Preferred Shares to be withdrawn and the aggregate liquidation preference represented by such Preferred Shares and (iii) unless transmitted through ATOP, be signed by the Holder of such Preferred Shares in the same manner as the original signature on the Agent's Message by which such Prefer red Shares were tendered, or be accompanied by (a) documents of transfer sufficient to have the applicable transfer agent for the Preferred Shares register the transfer of the Preferred Shares into the name of the person withdrawing such Preferred Shares and (b) a properly completed irrevocable proxy authorizing such person to effect such withdrawal on behalf of such Holder. Validly withdrawn Preferred Shares may be retendered by following the procedures described herein and in the Offer to Purchase at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time.

- **2. Transfer Taxes.** We will pay all transfer taxes applicable to the purchase and transfer of Preferred Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, except if the payment of the Purchase Price is being made to any person other than the registered Holder of Preferred Shares tendered thereby, the amount of any transfer taxes (whether imposed on the registered Holder(s) or such other person(s)) payable on account of the transfer to such person will be deducted from the Purchase Price unless satisfactory evidence of the payment of such taxes or exemption therefrom is submitted.
- 3. Irregularities. All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of any tendered Preferred Shares pursuant to any of the procedures described above will be determined by us in our sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding. Alternative, conditional or contingent tenders will not be considered valid. We expressly reserve the right, in our sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to reject any or all tenders of any Preferred Shares determined by us not to be in proper form or if the acceptance for purchase of, or payment for, such Preferred Shares may, in the opinion o f our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right, subject to applicable law, to waive, in our sole discretion, any defect or irregularity in any tender of Preferred Shares of any particular Holder, whether or not similar defects or irregularities are waived in the case of other Holders. A waiver of any defect or irregularity with respect to the tender of Preferred Shares by a Holder will not constitute a waiver of the same or any other defect or irregularity with respect to the tender of any other Preferred Shares. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, (including the this Letter of Transmittal and the instructions hereto) will be final and binding. Any defect or irregularity in connection with tenders of Preferred Shares must be cured within such time as we determine, unless waived by us. Tenders of Preferred Shares will not be deemed to have been made until all defects or irregularities have been waived by us or cured. All Holders that tender Preferred Shares waive any right to receive notice of the acceptance of their Preferred Shares for purchase. Neither we, the Dealer Managers, the Information Agent and Depositary or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in tenders or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification. If we waive our right to reject a defective tende

| 4.               | Waiver of Conditions.    | We expressly reserve the right to amend or waive any of the conditions to the Tender Offer in the case of any |
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| Preferred Shares | tendered, in whole or in | part, at any time and from time to time.  |

5. **Requests for Assistance or Additional Copies**. Questions relating to the procedure for tendering Preferred Shares and requests for assistance or additional copies of the Offer to Purchase and this Letter of Transmittal may be directed to the Dealer Managers or the Information Agent whose addresses and telephone numbers appear on the back cover of this Letter of Transmittal.

#### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 230, WE ARE INFORMING YOU THAT (A) ANY DISCUSSION OF U.S. FEDERAL TAX ISSUES CONTAINED OR REFERRED TO IN THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL OR ANY DOCUMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN IS NOT INTENDED AND WAS NOT WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED, BY ANY HOLDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING PENALTIES UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX LAWS THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE HOLDER, (B) THIS DISCUSSION WAS WRITTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING BY US OF THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, AND (C) EACH HOLDER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON ITS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR.

The Federal income tax discussion set forth below is included for general information only. Each Holder is urged to read the section entitled "Certain Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the Offer to Purchase and to consult such Holder's tax advisor to determine the particular tax consequences to such Holder (including the applicability and effect of state, local and other tax laws) of payment in respect of tendered Preferred Shares. Certain Holders may be subject to special rules not discussed below. The discussion does not consider the effect of any applicable foreign, state, local, or other tax laws.

#### Taxpayer Identification Number and Backup Withholding

U.S. federal income tax laws generally require a tendering Holder to provide such Holder's correct taxpayer identification number ("TIN") and a certification that such Holder is not subject to backup withholding on Form W-9, which is provided below, or, alternatively, to establish another basis for exemption from back-up withholding. In addition to penalties, failure to provide the payor with the correct information and certification or an adequate basis for an exemption from back-up withholding may result in back-up withholding at a current rate of 28% on all payments made to Holders or other payees pursuant to the Offer. Any amounts withheld under the back-up withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against the Holder 7;s U.S. federal income tax liability. If withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, the Holder may obtain a refund if the required information is timely provided to the IRS. In order to avoid back-up withholding, each tendering Holder that is a U.S. Holder (as defined in "Certain Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the Offer to Purchase) must provide (i) its correct TIN by completing Form W-9, certifying, under penalties of perjury, (1) that the TIN provided is correct (or that such Holder is awaiting a TIN), (2) that (A) the Holder is exempt from back-up withholding, or (B) the IRS has not notified the Holder that such Holder is subject to back-up withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends or (C) the IRS has notified the Holder that such Holder is no longer subject to back-up withholding, and (3) that the Holder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien), or (ii), if applicable, an adequate basis for exemption. If the tendering U.S. Holder has not been issued a TIN and has applied for one or intends to apply for one in the near future, such U.S. Holder should write "Applied For" in the space provided for the TIN in Part I of Form W-9, and sign and date Form W-9. If "Applied For" is written in Part I and the payor is not provided with a TIN by the time of payment, the payor will withhold 28% from any payments made pursuant to the Offer. Certain Holders (including, among others, corporations and certain foreign persons) are not subject to these back-up withholding and reporting requirements. Exempt U.S. Holders should indicate their exempt status on Form W-9. For further information concerning back-up withholding and instructions for completing Form W-9 (including how to obtain a taxpayer identification number if you do not have one and how to complete the Form W-9 if Preferred Shares are held in more than one name), consult the enclosed Form W-9 and relat ed instructions.

In order for a tendering holder of Preferred Shares who is not a U.S. Holder (as defined in "Certain Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the Offer to Purchase) to qualify as an exempt recipient with respect to back-up withholding such holder generally must provide a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN, Form W-8ECI or Form W-8IMY, as applicable (instead of Form W-9), signed under penalties of perjury, attesting to such Holder's foreign status. An appropriate Form W-8 can be obtained from www.irs.gov.

Failure to provide the information on the attached Form W-9 or the applicable Form W-8 may subject the Payee to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service and 28 % federal income tax backup withholding on any payment. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Taxpayers may use amounts withheld as a credit against their U.S. federal income tax liability or may claim a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing a claim for refund with the IRS.

#### Withholding Tax

Even if a Non-U.S. Holder has provided the required certification to avoid backup withholding, a Non-U.S. Holder that is deemed to receive a dividend distribution from the Company with respect to the Preferred Shares tendered would be subject to a U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be applicable under a tax treaty) on the portion of the distribution treated as a dividend to the Non-U.S. Holder if the dividend is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by the non-U.S. Holder (or, if an income tax treaty applies, the Non-U.S. Holder does not maintain a U.S. permanent establishment).

In some cases, payments made to Non-U.S. Holders with respect to the Tender Offer may not be subject to U.S. withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder certifies that it is not a U.S. person and that it met the "complete termination," "substantially disproportionate," or "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" test in respect of the Tender Offer, although receipt of the full payment may be delayed until the certification is provided. Non-U.S. Holders tendering shares held through a broker or other nominee should consult such broker or other nominee and their own tax advisors to determine the particular withholding procedures that will be applicable to them.

NON-U.S. HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY FOR A WITHHOLDING TAX REDUCTION OR EXEMPTION, AND ANY RELEVANT REFUND PROCEDURE.

NOTE: FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN BACKUP WITHHOLDING OF 28% OF ANY PAYMENTS MADE TO YOU PURSUANT TO THE OFFER. PLEASE REVIEW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON FORM W-9. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR TAX CONSULTANT OR THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.



#### Request for Taxpayer **Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

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| ę.   | Name (as shown on your income tax return)   |                                    |                            |
| aged n   | Business name, it different from above  |                                    |                            |
| Print or type<br>Specific Instructions on page 2 | Check appropriate box: ☐ Individual/Bole proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ Partin ☐ Limited Sabitity company, Enter the tax disselfication (Dodiaregarded entity, Occorpor ☐ Other (see Instruction) ►   | erahip<br>ration, Popartnerahip) > | ☐ Exempt payee             |
| Print<br>c Inst                                  | Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)   | Requester's name                   | and address (optional)     |
| Specifi  | City, state, and ZIP code   |                                    |                            |
| See  | List account number(s) here (optional)  |                                    |                            |
| Par  | Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)  |                                    |                            |
| backu  | your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on<br>the withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However,<br>sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part 1 instructions on page 3. For | er, for a resident                 | d security number          |
|  | employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to go  |                                    | or                         |
|  | If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines<br>or to enter.   | on whose Empl                      | oyer identification number |
| Part   | II Certification  |                                    |                            |

- Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Signature of U.S. person ▶ Date >

#### **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- . An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien.
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States.
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
   A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Spocial rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

. The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

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- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9, instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Alliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax freaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause" Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payse has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five

- The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident.
- 2. The treaty article addressing the income.
- The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
- The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
- Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or the scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a norresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royaties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing bod operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

# Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

- You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
- You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details).
- The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

- The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
- You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 1.

#### Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to wilful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Wilfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

#### Specific Instructions

#### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriege without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

Limited Bability company (LLC). Check the "Limited Bability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification ("D" for disregarded entity, "C" for corporation, "P" for partnership) in the space provided.

For a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line.

For an LLC classified as a partnership or a corporation, enter the LLC's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

Other entitles. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

#### **Exempt Payee**

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

- An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any RA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2).
- The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
- A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
- An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding

- A foreign central bank of issue,
   A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in
  the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of
  the United States,
- A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
  - 10. A real estate investment trust,
- An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the investment Company Act of 1940,
- 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).
- 13. A financial institution,
- 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
- 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

| IF the payment is for   | THEN the payment is exempt for   |
|---|--|
| Interest and dividend payments  | All exempt payees except for 9   |
| Broker transactions   | Exempt payees 1 through 13.<br>Also, a person registered under<br>the investment Advisers Act of<br>1940 who regularly acts as a<br>broker |
| Barter exchange transactions<br>and patronage dividends                         | Exempt payees 1 through 5  |
| Payments over \$600 required<br>to be reported and direct<br>sales over \$5,000 | Generally, exempt payees<br>1 through 7  |

See Form 1000-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions. however, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045ft, even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1009-1815, in even the attorney is a corporation; medical and health care payments, attorneys fees, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

#### Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box, if you are a resident alian and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter if in the social security number box, if you do not have an ITIN, see How to get a TIN below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an ElN, you may enfer either your SSN or ElN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is diaregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see Limited liability company (LLC) on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN, if the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxyayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN colline by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business, You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

1-800-1AX-FORM (1-800-829-9676).
If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester. the requester

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

#### Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt payees, see Exempt Payee on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

- Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
- 2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

- Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification.You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
- 4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. Other payments' include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bits for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to cortain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
- 5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

#### What Name and Number To Give the Requester

|     | For this type of account:  | Give name and SSN of:   |
|-----|--|---|
| 1.  | Individual   | The individual  |
|     | Two or more individuals (joint account)  | The actual owner of the account or<br>if combined funds, the first<br>individual on the account |
|     | Oustodian account of a minor<br>(Uniform Gift to Minors Act)   | The minor <sup>4</sup>  |
| 4.  | The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)  | The grantor-trustee   |
|     | So-called trust account that is<br>not a legal or valid trust under<br>state law   | The actual owner  |
|     | Sole proprietorship or disregarded<br>entity owned by an individual  | The owner *   |
|     | For this type of account:  | Give name and EIN of:   |
|     | Disregarded entity not owned by an<br>individual   | The owner   |
| 7.  | A valid trust, estate, or pension trust  | Legal entity "  |
|     | Corporate or LLC electing<br>corporate status on Form 8832   | The corporation   |
| 70  | Association, club, religious,<br>charitable, educational, or other<br>tax-exempt organization  | The organization  |
| 10. | Partnership or multi-member LLC  | The partnership   |
| 11. | A broker or registered nominee   | The braker or nominee   |
|     | Account with the Department of<br>Agriculture in the name of a public<br>entity jeuch as a state or local<br>government, school district, or<br>prison; that receives agricultural<br>program payments | The public entity   |

List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN

You must shote your individual name and you may also enter your business or "TRA" name on the second name inc. "You may use either your SSN or EM (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust, (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity staef is not designated in the account table.) Also see Special rules for perheathlos or case 1.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed

#### Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thef may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk

- · Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
   Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you think your identity has been used inappropriately for tax purposes.

Victims of identify theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user fatsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS personal property to the Treasury inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT(438-4338).

Visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

#### **Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6100 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abundorment of secured property, cancellation of elect, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer NSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification provises and to help verify the sociators of your transfer. The IRA may also provide the information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also discose this information to the courtness under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

## **Global Bondholder Services Corporation**

By Facsimile: (For Eligible Institutions Only) (212) 430-3775

Confirmation: (212) 430-3774

By Mail: By Overnight Courier: By Hand:

65 Broadway—Suite 404
New York, NY 10006
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New York, NY 10006

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Any questions or requests for assistance or additional copies of this Letter of Transmittal may be directed to the Information Agent at the telephone numbers and address set forth below. A Holder of Preferred Shares may also contact the Dealer Managers at their respective telephone numbers set forth below or such Holder's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or nominee for assistance concerning the Offer.

The Information Agent for the Tender Offer is:

# **Global Bondholder Services Corporation**

65 Broadway – Suite 404 New York, NY 10006 Attn: Corporate Actions

Banks and brokers call collect: (212) 430-3774 All others, call toll-free: (866) 807-2200

The Dealer Managers for the Tender Offer are:

# **Morgan Stanley**

1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036
Collect: (212) 761-8663
Toll-Free: (800) 624-1808
Attention: Liability Management Group

# Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

390 Greenwich Street. 4th Floor New York, New York 10013 Collect: (212) 723-6106 Collect: (212) 723-7367 Toll-Free: (800) 558-3745 Attention: Liability Management Group

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# IPG ANNOUNCES TENDER OFFER FOR UP TO 370,000 SHARES OF ITS 5¼% SERIES B CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PERPETUAL PREFERRED STOCK (CUSIP NOS. 460690 803 AND 460690 407)

New York, NY – April 29, 2010 – The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. ("IPG") (NYSE:IPG) announced today the commencement of an offer by IPG to purchase for cash up to 370,000 shares of its outstanding 5¼% Series B Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Shares"). The tender offer will commence on April 29, 2010 and will expire at midnight on May 26, 2010 (such date and time, as it may be extended, the "Expiration Time"). Tendered shares may be withdrawn at anytime prior to the Expiration Time.

IPG will fix the purchase price (such price, the "Purchase Price") promptly after the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") on May 24, 2010, which is the second scheduled trading day prior to the date of the Expiration Time, (such date, as it may be extended, the "Pricing Date"), and will announce such Purchase Price no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the business day following the Pricing Date. The Purchase Price will be calculated as the sum of 54.893 multiplied by the Weighted Average Price, plus \$438.95, subject to a minimum Purchase Price of \$768.31 and a maximum Purchase Price of \$1,070.22. For purposes of the Purchase Price calculation, "Weighted Average Price" means the arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of IPG's common stock, beginning on May 18, 2010 and ending on the Pricing Date. The daily volume-weighted average price shall equal the per share dollar volume-weighted average price for IPG's common stock during the period beginning at 9:30 a.m., New

York City time (or such other time as is the official open of trading at the NYSE) and ending at 4:00 p.m., New York City time (or such other time as is the official close of trading at the NYSE) as reported by Bloomberg Financial Services through its "Volume at Price" (IPG <Equity> VAP <Go>) functions (or if such volume-weighted average price is unavailable, the market price of one share of common stock on such trading day determined, using a volume-weighted average method, by a nationally recognized investment banking firm retained by IPG for this purpose). The Weighted Average Price and the variable cash component of the Purchase Price will be rounded to the nearest whole cent.

In addition to the Purchase Price, Holders that validly tender their Preferred Shares at or prior to the Expiration Time will also be paid accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the payment date on such Preferred Shares that are accepted for purchase by IPG. Assuming IPG accepts the full 370,000 shares for which it is tendering and that it pays the maximum Purchase Price, it will expend a maximum of \$400,000,000 (inclusive of accrued dividends).

The terms and conditions of the tender offer appear in IPG's Offer to Purchase, dated April 29, 2010, and the related Letter of Transmittal. Copies of these and other related documents will be mailed to holders of the Preferred Shares. Subject to applicable law, IPG may extend or otherwise amend the tender offer. Completion of the tender offer is not conditioned on a minimum number of Preferred Shares being tendered. The consummation of the tender offer is subject to certain conditions described in the Offer to Purchase.

IPG has retained Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. to serve as dealer managers for the tender offers, and Global Bondholder Service Corporation to serve as the information agent and the depositary. Copies of the Offer to Purchase and related documents may be obtained at no charge by contacting the information agent and depositary at (866) 807-2200 (toll-free) or, for banks and brokers, at (212) 430-3774 (collect). Questions regarding the tender offers may be directed to: Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated at (800) 624-1808 (toll-free) or (212) 761-8663 (collect) or Citigroup Global Markets Inc. at (800) 558-3745 (toll-free) or (212) 723-6106 (collect) or (212) 723-7367 (collect).

Neither IPG, its board of directors, the information agent and depositary nor the dealer managers make any recommendation as to whether holders should tender or refrain from tendering the Preferred Shares.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to purchase securities, nor is it a solicitation of an offer to sell securities. The tender offer may only be made pursuant to the Offer to Purchase and the accompanying Letter of Transmittal. Copies of the

Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal and related documents may be obtained at no charge from the information agent or from the SEC's Web site at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>. These documents contain important information, and holders should read them carefully before making any investment decision. The tender offer is not being made to holders of Preferred Shares in any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities, blue sky or other laws of such jurisdiction.

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This release contains forward-looking statements. Statements in this release that are not historical facts, including statements about management's beliefs and expectations, constitute forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to change based on a number of factors, including those outlined under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- · potential effects of a challenging economy, for example, on the demand for our advertising and marketing services, on our clients' financial condition and on our business or financial condition;
- · our ability to attract new clients and retain existing clients;
- · our ability to retain and attract key employees;
- · risks associated with assumptions we make in connection with our critical accounting estimates, including changes in assumptions associated with any effects of a weakened economy;
- potential adverse effects if we are required to recognize impairment charges or other adverse accounting-related developments:
- risks associated with the effects of global, national and regional economic and political conditions, including counterparty risks and fluctuations in economic growth rates, interest rates and currency exchange rates; and
- developments from changes in the regulatory and legal environment for advertising and marketing and communications services companies around the world.

Investors should carefully consider these factors and the additional risk factors outlined in more detail under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.