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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Yellow and Roadway will file a proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Investors are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they will contain important information. You will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Yellow free of charge by requesting them in writing from Yellow or by telephone at (913) 696-6100. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Roadway free of charge by requesting them in writing from Roadway or by telephone at (330) 384-1717. Yellow and Roadway, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Yellow and Roadway in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Yellow and their ownership of Yellow stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Yellow s 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of Roadway and their ownership of Roadway stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Roadway s 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

The following documents are filed herewith pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933:

Slide show presentation to investors and analysts on July 31, 2003 and subsequent dates.

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**Yellow Corporation**

**July 31, 2003**

**Making global commerce work by connecting people, places, and information.**

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**Balancing yield and tonnage growth to  
enhance profitability**

[GRAPHIC] Yield and Tonnage Growth

[GRAPHIC] Operating Income Growth

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**Yellow Roadway Corporation**

**A Strategic Combination**

**Making global commerce work by connecting people, places, and information.**

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**The Right Strategy, the Right Partner**

- n Advances strategy
  - n Comprehensive portfolio of transportation services ( one-stop shopping )
    - Greater penetration of premium services
    - Non-asset solutions to larger base of customers
    - Next-day opportunities
    - Technology solutions for customers and operations
  
- n Continued investments in both companies' brands
  - n Operate both networks separately
    - Not crunching Yellow Transportation and Roadway Express together
    - Pre-empts labor and customer issues
    - Preserves brand equity
  - n Over time, differentiate the brands in the marketplace

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**The Right Strategy, the Right Partner (cont d)**

- n Enhanced Scale and Market Position
  - n Combined revenue of approximately \$6 billion
    - Nearly 48,000 employees in over 700 locations
  - n Largest North American transportation company focused on big shipments for business
  - n Strong #3 position in ground-based transportation (UPS, FedEx)
  - n Large customer bases with limited overlap

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**The Right Time**

- n Both companies are solidly profitable
- n 5-year labor agreement
- n Favorable financial markets
- n Potential of economic recovery provides substantial upside from conservative base case
- n Roadway management team supportive of strategy

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**Mitigating the risks**

- n Customer retention
  - n Maintain high levels of service and quality with improvements from implementing best practices
  - n Key customer interfaces remain in place
  - n Ability to share the benefits of leveraging cost structure / investments across the larger organization
  - n Opportunity for customers to utilize additional service offerings of combined company
  - n Customer feedback to date has been very supportive of transaction
    - Senior management has held discussions with top 200 customers in each company
  - n We see July business volumes as strong

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**Mitigating the risks (cont d)**

- n Employee Retention / Union Relations
  - n Retaining key employees is a top priority
  - n Communication is the key
    - Both CEOs filmed joint video for staff of both companies
    - Presentations by senior and local leadership to dispel myths around transaction
    - Most employees taking comfort in fact that companies will operate independently
  - n James Staley, President & CEO of Roadway, will remain in his position at Roadway
  - n Sales and operations positions remain unchanged
  - n Both CEOs met with Teamsters Senior Management the day following the announcement in Washington, DC
    - Initial reaction is guarded optimism
    - Encouraged by fact that merger is not centered on large cost synergies from merging two networks, as has been case in past transportation industry mergers
    - Goal is to grow from a larger, stronger competitive position versus non-union companies

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**...While Capturing Meaningful Synergies**

n Approximately \$30 million of cost synergies required to be accretive in 2004, which represents:

- n Less than 0.5% of operating expenses
- n Less than 1.6% of non-labor costs

n Conservative case of \$45 million in cost synergies

n Total potential cost synergies exceed \$125 million

n Expect accretion within 12 months of closing

[GRAPHIC] Synergies (millions)

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**Projected synergies conservative****Cumulative Conservative Savings by Year in millions**

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>5-Year Total</u>
Revenue impact +/-1% <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9.9	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.8	\$ 10.3	\$ 11.7	\$ 54.1
Potential cost synergies						
Operational						
Mexico	\$ 0.5	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0	\$ 8.5
Canada	2.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	22.0
Alaska, Puerto Rico & Hawaii	1.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	9.1
Rail costs	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	9.6
Expedited & cartage PTS	1.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	9.3
Equipment & tire purchasing	1.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	11.7
Shop costs & equipment pooling	1.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	13.5
Exhibit services trailers	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	7.1
Square states optimization	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	5.0
	<u>10.8</u>	<u>20.0</u>	<u>21.0</u>	<u>22.0</u>	<u>22.0</u>	<u>95.8</u>
General and administrative						
Information technology	5.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	37.8
Other back office G&A	9.3	13.2	13.9	13.9	13.9	64.2
	<u>14.7</u>	<u>21.3</u>	<u>22.0</u>	<u>22.0</u>	<u>22.0</u>	<u>102.0</u>
Total potential cost synergies	<u>\$ 25.5</u>	<u>\$ 41.3</u>	<u>\$ 43.0</u>	<u>\$ 44.0</u>	<u>\$ 44.0</u>	<u>\$ 197.8</u>

(1) Assumes 15% incremental margin.

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**Projected integration costs conservative**

**Annual Costs of Integration by Year in millions**

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>5-Year Total</u>
Potential implementation costs						
Severance (excluding executive triggers)	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.2			\$ 2.5
Stay bonuses	4.0	2.0	1.0			7.0
Communications	2.0	1.0				3.0
Other one-time costs (placeholder)	5.0					5.0
Technology development						0.0
Total potential implementation/one-time costs	<u>12.7</u>	<u>3.6</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>17.5</u>
Net pre-tax synergies (excluding Capex)	<u>12.8</u>	<u>37.7</u>	<u>41.8</u>	<u>\$ 44.0</u>	<u>\$ 44.0</u>	<u>180.3</u>
Non-IT capital expenditures (placeholder)	\$ 4.0	\$ 4.0	\$ 2.0			\$ 10.0

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**Longer-term potential synergies**

n Overview

n \$5.8 billion of costs

- Target 5% - 10% cost savings without impacting the customer

n Linehaul network

- \$2 billion annual expense
  - 10% savings achievable
- Continued optimization of networks
  - Reduced empty miles
  - Reduced handling
- Enterprise equipment balancing and optimization

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**Pro Forma Leverage**

[GRAPHIC] Debt to EBITDA

[GRAPHIC] Debt to Capital

- n Both companies will continue to reduce debt between now and year-end
- n Strength of current balance sheets support transaction financing
- n Free cash flow generation allows for rapid debt reduction
- n NOPAT return on capital above cost of capital within 12 months of closing

Today\* Pro Forma estimate 6/30/03

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**Transaction terms and structure**

Transaction value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>n \$48 per share</li><li>n Equity value: \$961 million</li><li>n Total enterprise value: \$1.2 billion</li><li>n Adjusted total enterprise value: \$1.5 billion<sup>(1)</sup></li></ul>
Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>n 50 percent cash and 50 percent Yellow stock</li><li>n Roadway shareholders will be given a right to elect cash or stock for each share they own</li><li>n Following election, cash and stock will be pro rata amongst shareholders (i.e. in aggregate approximately 50% stock and 50% cash)</li></ul>

(1) Leases capitalized at 5.0x.

**Transaction terms and structure (cont d)**

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**Value per Roadway share assuming 50% stock/50% cash consideration**

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**Summary**

- n Consistent with strategy
- n Increased scale of operations and stronger market position
- n Low risk integration strategy that will minimize lost revenues while providing significant synergies
- n Strong brand equity preserved
- n Non-asset opportunities with even larger customer base
- n Solid liquidity and leverage positions
- n Ability to generate free cash flows
  - n Even in current economic environment / upside potential
- n Achieve high confidence cost synergies (run rate)
  - n NOPAT/ROCC > WACC within 12 - 18 months

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