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VISX, Incorporated is expected to make the following comments related to its proxy contest during its April 23, 2003 earnings conference call:

As you may know, on April 10, 2003 Carl Icahn filed preliminary proxy materials nominating Keith Meister, a 30 year-old Icahn employee, to our Board of Directors. Those of you who have held VISX for the past couple of years are well aware that Mr. Icahn has gone down this road before. In 2001, the Icahn group ultimately did not proceed to nominate directors at our Annual Meeting despite providing notice to the Company and soliciting proxies for a board slate of five director nominees.

VISX believes that Mr. Icahn's nominee lacks the relevant experience to help the Company capitalize on market opportunities. And, specifically, as an Icahn employee, we believe he would lack the objectivity required to ensure that he would act in the best interest of all VISX stockholders. In contrast, our Board of Directors is comprised of seasoned leaders who collectively have decades of experience in the medical and ophthalmic industry and significant M&A experience. Six out of seven of us (excluding myself) are independent, all of us have prior experience serving on public company boards, and we all hold or have held senior level executive positions in a NYSE or NASDAQ listed company.

For further information about our board, you can refer to our definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 17, 2003. It's also available on our company website.