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The following is a memorandum to employees of The MONY Group Inc.

We are pleased to let you know that the definitive proxy statement has been approved and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is being mailed to stockholders. It is posted on our Web site: <http://www.mony.com>, under MONY-AXA Shareholder Info.

Included in the proxy statement is the date that has been set for the special meeting of stockholders of The MONY Group Inc. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at 9:30 AM, Eastern Standard Time, at the New York Marriott Marquis hotel in New York. All shareholders of record as of January 2, 2004 are invited to vote their shares, either in person or by proxy. Instructions for voting by proxy are included in the proxy statement. If you are a MONY stockholder, you should read the definitive proxy statement carefully before voting.

The filing of the definitive proxy statement and the scheduling of the stockholders' meeting is a significant step toward closing the MONY-AXA Financial transaction. It is important to remember that completion of the proposed merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of a number of conditions, including, among others, obtaining certain necessary approvals and consents from various regulators. As we've outlined for you previously, we've already received Hart-Scott-Rodino clearance. In addition, we are filing applications for approval from the state insurance regulatory departments in Arizona, New York, and Ohio. And, because of AXA Financial's indirect acquisition of Advest Bank & Trust Company, we are also seeking the approval of the Office of Thrift Supervision.

We have no reason to believe that we cannot satisfy the respective requirements of these regulators and we now anticipate that the transaction will close sometime during the second quarter of 2004. This new timeframe is reflected in the definitive proxy.

Also included in the definitive proxy statement is mention that stockholder groups, purporting to own 11.5% of our outstanding shares, have submitted demands for appraisal rights. Following is a link to a press release issued today by AXA Financial, which addresses that issue and expresses AXA Financial's continuing commitment to the completion of the MONY-AXA Financial transaction:
http://biz.yahoo.com/djus/040108/2040001405_2.html

We will keep you apprised, both of the stockholder vote and of the status of other necessary reviews, as we receive them.