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September 21, 2011

Dear Customer:

I wanted to inform you personally that Goodrich recently announced that it has entered into an agreement to merge with United Technologies. Attached for your convenience is a copy of the press release we issued announcing this significant development in our company's history.

As I am sure you are aware, United Technologies is a diversified company that provides high technology products and services to the aerospace and defense and building industries. At its core, this combination is about enhancing our ability to innovate and provide high quality products and services to customers like you around the world. We look forward to building upon our partnership with you and hope you share our enthusiasm about the company's exciting future.

We are delighted about the benefits this combination affords our shareholders, employees and you, our valued customers who rely on our products and services. As a combined company, we will benefit from increased scale and financial strength and will have a suite of complementary aerospace and defense product lines and technologies. In addition, the combined company will have significant and stable cash flows to support organic growth and R&D efforts that will allow the company to sustain its leadership position in innovation.

The transaction is expected to be completed in mid-2012, and is subject to approval from Goodrich shareholders, regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. In the meantime, it is business as usual at Goodrich.

Your Goodrich contacts will remain the same, and we will continue to do everything you have come to expect from us.

Following completion of the transaction Marshall Larsen, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Goodrich, will become Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a combined UTC Aerospace Systems business unit. The senior leadership team of the combined business will be located in Charlotte, North Carolina. Both Goodrich and United Technologies' Hamilton Sundstrand brands will be maintained within this business unit.

Goodrich and United Technologies both have successful integration track records, and given the complementary nature of our businesses, we expect a seamless transition for all of our customers and our commitment to you will remain the same.

As we move through this process, we will continue to keep you updated on important developments. We value our relationship with you and appreciate your business. Together, we look forward to continuing to provide you with best-in-class products and service for many years to come. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to your usual Goodrich contacts.

Thank you for your continued business, and we look forward to a productive new era of opportunities together as part of United Technologies.

Sincerely,

Additional Information

In connection with the proposed transaction, the Company will file a proxy statement with the SEC. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND THE COMPANY. You will be able to obtain the proxy statement, as well as other filings containing information about the Company, free of charge, at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the proxy statement and other filings made by the Company with the SEC can also be obtained, free of charge, by directing a request to Goodrich Corporation, Four Coliseum Centre, 2730 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217, c/o Secretary.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws.

Forward-looking statements are not based on historical facts but instead reflect the Company's expectations, estimates or projections concerning future results or events. These statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking words or phrases such as believe, expect, anticipate, may, could, intend, intent, belief, likely, will, should or similar words or phrases. These statements are not guarantees of performance and are inherently subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict and could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or indicated by those statements. We cannot assure you that any of our expectations, estimates or projections will be achieved.

The forward-looking statements included in this document are only made as of the date of this document and we disclaim any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Numerous factors could cause our actual results and events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements, including, without limitation: demand for and market acceptance of new and existing products; our ability to extend our commercial OE contracts beyond the initial contract periods; cancellation or delays of orders or contracts by

customers or with suppliers; our ability to obtain price adjustments pursuant to certain of our long-term contracts; the financial viability of key suppliers and the ability of our suppliers to perform under existing contracts; the extent to which we are successful in integrating and achieving expected operating synergies for recent and future acquisitions; successful development of products and advanced technologies; the impact of bankruptcies and/or consolidations in the airline industry; the health of the commercial aerospace industry, including the large commercial, regional, business and general aviation aircraft manufacturers; global demand for aircraft spare parts and aftermarket services; changing priorities or reductions in the defense budgets in the U.S. and other countries, U.S. foreign policy and the level of activity in military flight operations; the possibility of restructuring and consolidation actions; threats and events associated with and efforts to combat terrorism; the extent to which changes in regulations and/or assumptions result in changes to expenses relating to employee and retiree medical and pension benefits; competitive product and pricing pressures; our ability to recover under contractual rights of indemnification for environmental, asbestos and other claims arising out of the divestiture of our tire, vinyl, engineered industrial products and other businesses; the effect of changes in accounting policies or legislation, including tax legislation; cumulative catch-up adjustments or loss contract reserves on long-term contracts accounted for under the percentage of completion method of accounting; domestic and foreign government spending, budgetary and trade policies; economic and political changes in international markets where we compete, such as changes in currency exchange rates, interest rates, inflation, fuel prices, deflation, recession and other external factors over which we have no control; the outcome of contingencies including completion of acquisitions, joint ventures, divestitures, tax audits, litigation and environmental remediation efforts; the impact of labor difficulties or work stoppages at our, a customer's or a supplier's facilities; other factors that are set forth in management's discussion and analysis of the Company's most recently filed reports with the SEC; and uncertainties associated with the proposed acquisition of the Company by United Technologies, including uncertainties relating to the anticipated timing of filings and approvals relating to the transaction, the expected timing of completion of the transaction and the ability to complete the transaction. This list of factors is illustrative, but by no means exhaustive. All forward-looking statements should be evaluated with the understanding of their inherent uncertainty.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors and officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company's shareholders with respect to the special meeting of shareholders that will be held to consider the proposed transaction. Information about the Company's directors and officers and their ownership of the Company's common stock is set forth in its Form 10-K which was filed with the SEC on February 15, 2011 and the proxy statement for the Company's Annual Meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2011. Shareholders may obtain additional information regarding the interests of the Company and its directors and executive officers in the proposed transaction, which may be different than those of the Company's shareholders generally, by reading the proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the proposed transaction, when filed with the SEC.