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William H. Joyce, Ph.D.  
Chairman & CEO  
Hercules Incorporated  
1313 North Market Street  
Wilmington, DE 19894-0001

Dear Bill:

Now that Mario Gabelli has asked that we debate before institutional shareholders in New York, and I have accepted as I assume you will, there is another critical constituency which we should address as well - our employees and retirees. They have already raised a number of very legitimate questions with regard to the proxy contest, and I think we owe them the courtesy of a fully informative meeting which would provide them the opportunity to hear from both sides.

I would propose that we hold such discussion in Wilmington at everyone's earliest convenience and open it up to all Company employees and retirees.

Please let me know.

All the best.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samuel J. Heyman

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