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Stockholder Meeting to be held on 10/30/08

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Proxy Materials Available

Proxy Statement
2008 Annual Report

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual

Meeting Date: 10/30/08
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m. CDT

For holders as of: 09/03/08

Meeting Location:

The Carlisle

435 East Butterfield Road

Lombard, Illinois 60148

(630) 960-0210

Meeting Directions:

For Meeting directions please go to:

www.saralee.com/annualmeeting

How To Vote

Vote In Person

Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director and FOR proposals 2 and 3.

Vote On Proposals

Proposal 1: Election of 13 directors

1a) Brenda C. Barnes

1b) Christopher B. Begley

1c) Crandall C. Bowles

1d) Virgis W. Colbert

1e) James S. Crown

1f) Laurette T. Koellner

1g) Cornelis J.A. van Lede

1h) Dr. John McAdam

1i) Sir Ian Prosser

1j) Rozanne L. Ridgway

1k) Norman R. Sorensen

1l) Jeffrey W. Ubben

Proposal 2:

Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Sara Lee's independent registered public accountants for fiscal 2009

Proposal 3:

To vote on the reapproval of performance measures under Sara Lee's long-term performance stock plans

1m) Jonathan P. Ward

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