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GM Stockholders Give Strong Approval To Split-Off Of Hughes

NEW YORK - General Motors Corp. (NYSE: GM, GMH) announced today that its stockholders have approved transactions that will result in the split off of its subsidiary, Hughes Electronics Corp., and the acquisition of 34 percent of Hughes common stock by News Corp. (NYSE: NWS, NWS.A). An overwhelming percentage of GM stock voted in response to GM's Consent Solicitation Statement was in support of the transactions.

Of the stockholders who participated in the solicitation, approximately 94 percent of the GM \$1-2/3 par value common stock and approximately 94 percent of the GM Class H stock was voted in support of the proposals. With respect to the combined vote of both classes of stockholders, more than 94 percent of those votes were cast in support of each proposal.

More than 60 percent of GM \$1-2/3 par value common stock and more than 74 percent of GM Class H stock was voted in support of each of the proposals presented in the consent solicitation statement. More than 65 percent of the combined vote of both classes of stockholders was in favor of each proposal.

Detailed data regarding the consents given with respect to each of the six proposals relating to the transactions will be presented in GM's third quarter report on Form 10-Q to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in November, and will appear on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. The transactions remain subject to certain regulatory clearances, including anti-trust clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice and action by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission. GM currently expects to complete the transactions in late 2003 or early 2004.

In connection with the proposed transactions, on August 21, 2003, General Motors Corporation ("GM"), Hughes Electronics Corporation ("Hughes") and The News Corporation Limited ("News Corporation") filed definitive materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including a Definitive Consent Solicitation Statement of GM on Schedule 14A, a Registration Statement of Hughes on Form S-4 and a Registration Statement of News Corporation on Form F-4 that contain a consent solicitation statement of GM, a prospectus of Hughes and a prospectus of News Corporation. Investors and security holders are urged to read these materials, as well as any other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC, as they become available, because these documents contain or will contain important information. These materials and other relevant materials (when they become available) and any other documents filed by GM, Hughes or News Corporation with the SEC, may be obtained for free at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. In addition, the definitive materials contain information about how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from GM.

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